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"Sho Nuff" Stars Twinkle Tonight



14 'MOMS' ENJOY GAY WEEKEND AS GUESTS OF POST

By CPL. GEORGE SCHULTZ
GI hearts burst with pride this past weekend as Fort Benning played host to the mothers of fourteen soldiers and WACs in one of the most novel Mothers' Day programs in any Army camp.

Gala War Loan Minstrel Show Opens Tonight

Fort Benning's 7th War Loan Minstrel, "Sho-Nuff," will open tonight at 8:45 p. m. in the huge Doughboy Stadium replete with a cast of more than 40 professional songsters, dancers, instrumentalists and entertainers.

The show will be given both Thursday and Friday evenings preparatory to traveling to Birmingham next Wednesday in a War Bond rally at the leading theatre in that city.

ZANIEST SHOW
"Sho-Nuff" will boogie-woogie its way into Doughboy Stadium tonight with one of the zaniest shows ever to be staged on the reservation.

There's the "Sweetheart of Fort Benning," Marion Reinhardt and her six "Loves of Atlanta," Beverly Miller, the "sweetest xylophonist this side of a woodpile," Carmen Sims and Moelele Canada, tops in taps; and Charlotte Bishman and Ramona Gray, the "Hilarious Hillbillies."

'STRIPSEY-ROSE-LEE'
Vera Kelly, TPS WAC who is a veteran of USO-Camp Show tours, will appear as "Miss Stripsey-Rose-Lee of 1893." She is a dancer and comedienne who hails from a famed theatrical family. Vera has been in show business ever since she was aged two.

BENNING'S KATE SMITH
Mary Farmer, hostess of Service Club No. 1, will tickle the ivories, while her cohort, Mel Tolbert of Lawson Field's Service Club-Fort Benning's "Kate Smith"—will sing.

Another singer added to the galaxy of stars is Mary Bozack, a former NBC singing star. Mickey Gibbs—the diminutive dynamo of song styling—will play the piano. A chorus of 30 beautiful girls and handsome men will round out the musical portions of the minstrel.

TOWNSEND INTERLOCUTOR
"Mr. Interlocutor" will be handled by John Townsend, while Harry Singer will be "Honeyboy" and Dot Bourlier will portray "Mandy."

The cast for "Sho-Nuff" was recruited by Post Special Services from volunteers talent about the post and has been directed by Cpl. "Tommy" Wells.

Coming from twelve different states—from Minnesota, Georgia, New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Iowa and a half dozen others—the Fort Benning mothers thoroughly enjoyed a varied and gay weekend which was arranged by the Post Public Relations Office.

GREETED BY BAND
As the Central of Georgia train rolled into the Columbus railroad station Friday afternoon, the 22nd AGF Band from The Parachute School under the direction of W. O. Smith greeted the arriving mothers with "Semper Fidelis" and a program of martial music.

As the soldier-sons and WAC daughters greeted their mothers, they were visibly thrilled by the reunions. Officer escorts for the mothers gladly joined in the fun and assisted in portaging luggage to the cars.

MOTORCYCLE ESCORT
As soon as all of the mothers were ready in their Army sedans, the convoy moved down Twelfth street, escorted by a cordon of city police and military policemen in their shiny white helmets.

At First Street and Twelfth avenue, the Parachute School band joined the head of the convoy and paraded to Broadway and thence down to Ninth Street. As "Dixie" blared forth, shopkeepers and shoppers left the counters of many a Columbus store to get a choice vantage point on the sidewalk to watch the convoy pass.

At Ninth Street, the convoy moved out to the Post behind the MPs, whose sirens screamed a joyous welcome to the elated mothers.

FORMAL DINNER
Friday night the mothers were feted at a formal dinner arranged by the Post Special Service Office and the Service Club hostesses. Miss Mary Farmer, genial and generous hostess of Service Club No. 1, transformed the daily GI meeting place into a spacious dining hall festooned with flags of the Allied nations. Larkspur sparkled the lively decorative motif on the tables.

Seated at the speakers' table were the heads of the major installations at the Post: Major General L. W. Wilson, Commandant of The Infantry School; Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, (Continued on Page 7)

Negro Mothers Receive Royal Welcome Here
By SGT. H. N. BRONNER
Visiting colored mothers were given a special dinner Service Club No. 4 at 6:30 p. m. shortly after their arrival at the Post Friday. The special dinner was given for the three colored mothers winning the free trips here. They were Mrs. Viola Lee of McKeesport, Pa., Mrs. Jessie Stron of Birmingham, and Mrs. Altha Williams of Warsaw, N. C.

Following the dinner the evening was highlighted with a "Mother's Music and Reception." Mrs. Hazel Blackburn, director of Service Club No. 4, opened the program with a welcome to all visiting mothers. The Reception Center Chorus gave several selections. As the chorus hummed one of their selections, Pfc. Dion Muse dramatized one of his specially created skits "A Tribute to Mother." Pfc. Muse was assisted by Pfc. Elmer Norman of the WAC Det. Sec. 11.

Sgt. Colonnus Davis of Co. C, 3rd STR, contributed a piano solo and accompanied, Pfc. Henry King of Hq. Co., 3rd STR, in a solo rendition. Lt. Alvis Tinnin who is a concert singer was a special guest artist on the program of Service Bn. 1st STR. The quartet from the Reception Center chorus gave the program an extra special tempo with its crooning of "Confession."

25 FROM COLUMBUS
During the brief interlude of introductions and presentations the three lucky mothers and the twenty-five mothers from Columbus, Ga., were introduced. The three lucky mothers were presented with gifts, while the other visiting mothers took part in a lucky-number drawing contest. Mrs. Luella Dudley of Columbus held the lucky number which entitled her to a lovely Mother's Day gift. Mrs. Mildred Conyers introduced the mothers from Columbus and Mrs. Blackburn introduced the other mothers including her own.

Pfc. Dion Muse along with his act served as Master of Ceremonies. By special request he was forced to perform "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" which was overwhelmingly received by the audience. At the end of the program the audience was asked to pass from the main auditorium to the Club, which was beautifully decorated, into the cafeteria where they feasted on a banquet as the closing feature of the evening.

Sunday morning, special Mothers' (Continued on Page 7)



MASSED COLORS AT TPS REVIEW—In this splendid action shot are shown the massed colors of five Parachute School units marching forward to the reviewing stand on Tuesday. The group is led by Col. George Van Horn Moseley, Jr., 2nd PTR commanding officer, in foreground. Just behind him are ten officers and enlisted men who were decorated at the ceremony. The color guards, from left to right, represent the 4th Infantry, 3rd PTR, 2nd PTR, 1st PTR and Headquarters, Commandant. (Official Parachute School Photo by St. Sgt. Harley Ferguson.)

8,000 Paratroopers March In 3rd Anniversary Review

Field Marshal Wilson Visits Fort Benning

Field Marshal Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, head of the British Joint Staff Mission and member of the Combined Chiefs of Staff in Washington, arrived at Fort Benning Tuesday afternoon for a visit at the Infantry School, and the Parachute School. He left early this morning.

Field Marshal Wilson, early this year, succeeded the late Sir John Dill in the important assignment in Washington. Later at the Combined Chiefs of Staff, he attended the Yalta conference.

OBSERVES TRAINING
He observed training demonstrations at the Parachute School Wednesday morning. Later at the Second Student Training Regiment, in the afternoon he inspected officer candidate barracks in the Foreburg Village in the Shell Creek area to see the close combat course.

Next he observed a battle conditioning course, and then went to Sackett Hill to see 57-mm. anti-tank platoon in action. The final training demonstration he watched was the technique of rifle fire at Reynolds Hill.

HONORED AT DINNER
He was honored at a dinner at the Fort Benning Officers Club Wednesday night. Field Marshal Wilson joined the Rifle Brigade, one of Britain's crack infantry regiments, as a regular army officer at the turn of the century. The Rifle Brigade is also the regiment of Lt. Col. Denis J. Purdon, British Liaison Officer at the Infantry School.

Massed Troops Herald Establishment Of TPS

Eight thousand hardy paratroopers, their jump boots sparkling in the morning sunlight, heralded the Third Anniversary of the establishment of The Parachute School at Fort Benning with a mass review at the Cactus Hill area of Lawson Field Tuesday.

Massed in a 450-yard front, the troops marched as stark evidence of the preponderance of doughty troops who have passed through the famous school and have gone off to the battle fronts to no other troops in the world. Brig. Gen. Ridgely Gaither, commandant of the Parachute School, saluted the airborne troops "for aggressiveness second to no other troops in the world." General Gaither lauded the troops of the Parachute Infantry, Parachute Artillery, Parachute Engineers and Parachute Medics.

GENERALS ATTEND
The proud troops of the Parachute School paraded in review before Brig. Gen. George H. Weems, Assistant Commandant, The Infantry School; Brig. Gen. William Walker, Commanding General, School Troops, The Infantry School; Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, Post Commandant; General Gaither; Col. John E. Albert, Commanding Officer of Lawson Field; and Col. Julian J. Ewell, AGF, Washington, D. C. (Continued on Page 7)

TIS Personnel Nearing \$150,000 Mark In Bonds

Personnel of The Infantry School had purchased a total of \$149,900.19 worth of War Bonds by the end of April, it was announced by WAC Lieutenant Edith N. Harkbarth, The Infantry School War Bonds Officer.

The leading unit of The Infantry School is the Third Student Training Regiment with a total of \$44,143.30 in War Bonds.

The Infantry School is encouraging the increase in bond allotments. The ultimate goal is 100 per cent participation, either by cash purchases or by allotments.

75% OF GOAL
Captain Robinson said final figures reaching his office indicated that a total of approximately \$75,000, or 75 per cent of the goal for April, May and June, had been attained in the Parachute School Regimental war bond officers expected to considerably exceed the (Continued on Page 7)

TIS Bond Show Highly Praised After Premiers

The Infantry School's war bond show, "Here's Your Infantry," currently touring the country in the Seventh War Loan, was highly praised at 28 opening performances in all sections of the country Monday.

Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, commandant of the school, attended the opening performance at Cleveland, Ohio, where he also participated in the dedication of "Heroes' Square." General Walker flew to Detroit Tuesday for a rally of war bond workers.

BIRMINGHAM PARADE
Meanwhile, reserve members of the show in their jungle-green and serge-combat packs, plus a company of Paratroopers in jump dress and a company of WACs from the Parachute School participated in a parade which opened the drive in Birmingham, Ala., Monday. All branches of the service, as well as many of Birmingham's industries, took part in the parade, which was reviewed by Maj. Gen. Harry F. Hazlett, commanding general, Replacement and School Command.

Col. Walter B. Farris, Operations Officer of the School, and Maj. Ralph A. Whitmore, Jr., of the Parachute School co-ordinated the arrangements for the participation of the troops from Fort Benning, including an 11-plane flight to and from Birmingham.

Mission Termed 'Huge Success'

Although complete tabulations of figures were not available, the week long mission conducted for Catholic personnel at Fort Benning was termed a "huge success" today by Captain Matthew J. Connelly, acting Post Catholic chaplain.

The mission was climaxed Sunday morning by a pontifical high mass, celebrated by Bishop Gerald P. O'Hara of the Atlanta-Savannah diocese. Scheduled for Doughboy Stadium, the mass was sung in the Main Theater when rain made it impossible to conduct the services out of doors.

Immediately following the mass, Bishop O'Hara administered the sacrament of confirmation to a (Continued on Page 7)

Chief of Military Schools in Brazil Visits Ft. Benning

Brigadier General Gustavo Cordeiro de Farias, Chief of Military Schools in the Republic of Brazil, visited the Infantry School this week.

He was accompanied by his aide-de-camp, Captain Godofredo da Rocha and two United States Army officers, Lt. Col. J. F. Harvey and Major W. C. Liberty. Major Liberty served with the Fourth Infantry Regiment at Attu. He is now on duty in Brazil as a military adviser. Colonel Harvey is commanding officer of the 56th Field Artillery at Fort Bragg, N. C.

ARRIVED MONDAY
General Cordeiro arrived at Lawson Field Monday afternoon, where a salute was fired for him and units of School Troops, The Infantry School stood at attention as guard of honor.

He observed training at the Infantry School Tuesday and Wednesday, and was scheduled to visit the Parachute School and return to the Infantry School on Thursday, prior to departure.



SPEAKING OF POINTS!!
15-16-17-18-19--
"Mmm, there go some nice points."
"Wonder if a black eye is a decoration or a combat point!"

FUN, SONGS, AND GEORGEOUS GALS will be on tap tonight when "Sho Nuff," Fort Benning's 7th War Loan Minstrel opens on the Doughboy Stadium stage at 8:45 p. m. In the top picture of the above layout are Interlocutor John Townsend and End Men Walt Leggett and Ross Koffman. Just below are song-stylists Neil Higgins and Frances Krause. The 'two adorables' are Mr. Interlocutor again and luscious Dot Bourlier, who will portray Mandy and also dance in the chorus. At the bottom is "Miss Stripsey-Rose-Lee of 1893," otherwise known as Vera Kelly who will wow 'em with her comedy stunts. (Signal Lab Photos by Sgt. Jack Newman.)

25-Year-Old Lt. Colonel Commands 3d Composite

Lt. Col. Robert C. McWhorter, of Paris, Tex., fighter pilot credited with shooting down six enemy planes in combat, one of them over Berlin, has arrived at Lawson Field to assume command of the 3d Composite Squadron (Sp).

The 25-year-old flyer, who rolled up 127 missions in the Pacific and Europe, came here from Stuttgart, Ark., AAF base, where he was director of operations and training, and succeeds Maj. William James as commander of the 3d Composite, a unit of the Third Tactical Command, Third Air Force at Lawson Field.

Colonel McWhorter took part in the earliest and "hottest" air battles with the Japs, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross while flying with the 5th and 9th U. S. Air Forces, and was CO of the "Pied Piper," famed P-51 Mustang Squadron based in England. The outfit went on long-range hops to escort allied bombers over Europe and shelled troops Carrier Command C-47s on D-Day.

53 MISSIONS IN JAVA
Flying with the 5th, he finished 53 fighter missions in Java until that part of the 29th Indies fell to the Japs, then joined his outfit in New Guinea for 29 more missions.

In the ETO, where he arrived in December, 1943, and completed 45 more missions in Mustangs, the colonel headed the Pied Pipers. The squadron, a component of the noted 18th Tactical Air Command of the 9th Air Force, destroyed 70 Luftwaffe aircraft in five months, 45 in the air and 25 on the ground, with loss of only four P-51 pilots. It established a record kill when a flight of eight of its fighters attacked 25 Nazis and shot down 14 without loss.

120 NAZIS ATTACK
The squadron's most hectic battle took place one day when 120 Nazis attacked eight P-51s. The Pied Pipers destroyed 10 Nazis, with seven more probable, damaged 10 and lost one P-51.

Col. McWhorter flew on long-range missions to Berlin, Kiel, Bremen, Regensburg and other German cities. He was active in the destruction of rocket launching sites in the Pas de Calais area in France.

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Lt. Col. McWhorter... commands 3d Composite

damaged by anti-aircraft fire and he "limped" back to base with an escort.

EARNED SILVER STAR

His aerial victories over enemy flyers included three ME-109s, one over Berlin, and two others which were attacking U. S. ground forces on a French beachhead.

While he was stationed at Rhoads General Hospital in Ulica, Poland, he received the Silver Star for destroying two Betties in combat over Seorabaja in Java.

Following his return to the states in September, 1944 Col. McWhorter was attached to the 3rd Tactical Air Command at Barksdale, La., and later held the training and operations post at Stuttgart.

The son of H. G. McWhorter of 6020 Palo Pinto, Dallas 6, Tex., he also was a D. F. C., awarded for outstanding leadership as the CO of a fighter squadron, the Air Medal with seven oak leaf clusters, the ATO, ETO, Asiatic-Pacific and pre-Pearl Harbor ribbons and 2 unit citations.

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Former TIS Employee
With Red Cross In ETO
Annie Roe Williams, onetime employee of TIS, has arrived in the European Theater of Operations as assignment as a Red Cross staff assistant. Miss Williams, daughter of Mrs. Syd. H. Williams, Boligee, Ala., is a graduate of Greene County High School, Etowah, Ala., and attended Alabama Woman's College.

DIETITIAN WOUNDED
When Lt. Mathilda Rubenstein, Medical Department Dietitian, was stationed at a General Hospital in Belgium, she was wounded by a buzz bomb which partially destroyed the hospital. She was the second floor of the building. Concussion caused the wall to blow out and Lt. Rubenstein was thrown into the street. She suffered two fractured legs, a foot fracture, wrist and hand fractures and face lacerations. The

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Marauder Vet Now Assigned To Academics

First Lieutenant Russell D. Shaver, who was wounded twice while fighting with Merrill's Marauders in Burma, has been assigned to the Academic Regiment, The Infantry School, and appointed assistant information and education officer.

Lieutenant Shaver joined the Marauders a year ago during the early stage of their four-month struggle for the important city of Moulmein. "We had the city surrounded in June but the Japs fought bitterly until August," he recalls. "Several small parties of Japs tried to sneak through our encirclement but they were usually spotted by our air force. Almost the entire garrison remained trapped and died to the last man." Fall of the city eliminated the last Jap stronghold in North Burma and gave the Chinese and American forces two air-strips and a vital railroad.

STRUCK IN HAND

While with a combat patrol seeking a good route for a battalion advance at Myitkyina, Lieutenant Shaver was hit in the hand by a Jap rifle bullet. "I was hit in the hand and the bullet was in the hand," he says. "I was wounded in the arm by enemy mortar shrapnel but remained on the firing line for two days. I was evacuated to India and later to the States."

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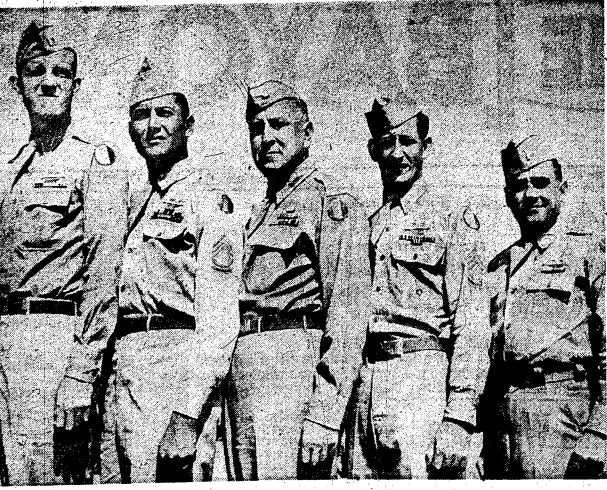
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MEDAL OF HONOR WINNERS AT TIS—Perhaps the largest number of Medal of Honor men in any single Army organization, this group may soon be separated when the provisions of a plan announced by the War Department are put into effect. According to the announcement from Washington, soldiers who have been awarded the Medal, with exception of regular Army officers, will be discharged from service upon request. Left to right are: Capt. Robert S. Scott of Santa Fe, N. M., who will apply for discharge; Tech Sgt. Homer Lee Wise of Baton Rouge, La., who says he will apply for the discharge; Lt. Col. Samuel I. Parker of Monroe, N. C., a World War I winner of the award, who came back in the service voluntarily and says that he will stay in the Army until his services are no longer needed; Tech Sgt. Charles E. "Commando" Kelly of Pittsburgh, Pa., who will apply for discharge and seek a defense job or go on a lecture tour on behalf of the war effort; Lt. Orville E. Bloch of Streeter, Md., who says he will stay in until Japan is beaten. Sgts. Kelly and Wise are members of War Bond selling "Here's Your Infantry" units which are on tour in the 7th War Loan. They do not anticipate being discharged until the end of the tour.—Official U. S. Army Photo.—The Infantry School.

Three Of Five TIS Medal Of Honor Men Will Accept Discharge Under New Plan

The Infantry School, which has perhaps the largest number of Medal of Honor holders of any organization in the Army, will lose three of its five under the provisions of a recent directive of the War Department that soldiers who have been awarded the Medal of Honor, with the exception of regular Army officers, will be discharged from service upon request.

Two officers, Lt. Col. Samuel I. Parker of Monroe, N. C., who won the nation's highest award for heroism in World War I, and Lt. Orville E. Bloch, of Streeter, Md., elected to accept the opportunity. Capt. Robert S. Scott, of Santa Fe, N. M., and Tech. Sgts. Charles E. "Commando" Kelly of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Homer Lee Wise of Baton Rouge, La., said they will accept discharge.

OUT WITH SHOW
Sergeant Kelly and Wise are members of units of "Here's Your Infantry," which opened the 7th War Loan tour in the city. They are certain to continue at this assignment for a portion of the six weeks tour, for it will be some time before the War Department authority for the discharges is received and can be acted upon. Sergeant Kelly said he will remain with his unit throughout the tour, regardless of when discharge might be offered him.

"I'll go on the entire War Bond tour," he said. "When I get to town, I'll apply for a discharge." He expects to seek a defense job in Pittsburg or perhaps go on a lecture tour in behalf of the war effort.

WISE WILL APPLY
Sergeant Wise, who like Kelly won the Medal of Honor for heroism with the 36th Infantry Division in Italy, said: "I plan to apply for discharge and meanwhile continue on the bond tour until further information is officially received."

Colonel Parker, who won the Medal of Honor for heroism in World War I, said: "I intend to stay in the Army until I think my services are no longer needed."

TEACHES LEADERSHIP
His reserve commission had expired several years ago, but in August, 1942, he was given a commission as a major and returned to the Army, as Under-Secretary of War Robert Patterson put it to him, to help give young officers mental preparation for battle. He teaches Leadership courses at The Infantry School. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel March 22, 1943.

Lt. Bloch, an officer candidate graduate of The Infantry School who won the Medal of Honor in Italy, and who now assists Colonel Parker in the Leadership course, said: "I am staying in until Japan is beaten."

When the announcement of the new policy was made, Capt. Scott, who was graduated from Officer Candidate Course in September, 1942, was undecided for several days. For some while he had considered seeking a regular Army commission, but on Saturday he announced that he will apply for discharge.

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WACs At RC Dispensaries Doing Many Skilled Jobs

WACs first began their duty with the Reception Center Dispensary in September, 1943, shortly after their arrival at Fort Benning. The young women faced many problems, some of which were: "How will I be accepted as a member of the Army by the enlisted men whom I must work with? What will be my assignment? How can I do my job better than it has been done?"

As these enlisted women came in to replace men in highly skilled positions they had just one goal in mind. "I must do my job the best that I can to help speed the war to its end."

Because of the splendid record that was made by the enlisted women on their first assignment, WACs are now at the dispensaries carrying on an important and very efficient work.

MANY ASSIGNMENTS
Their duty assignments include that of: Medical Laboratory Technicians, Surgical Technicians, Pharmacy Technicians, File Clerks, Clerk Typists and Medical Technicians. Most of these young women held similar positions in civilian life and have received further training in the Army which makes them better prepared and more efficient in their various assignments.

The following WACs are now on duty with the Reception Center Dispensary: Sgt. Josephine Frye, Sgt. Major, S-Sgt. Delores McCham, Chief clerk, T-4 Lillie M. Jackson, Medical Technician, Cpl. Mae Ruth Bingham Powell, Pharm. Tech., Pfc. Pattie Jones, File Clerk, Pfc. Linett Collymore, Med. Tech., Pfc. Christine Dean, Med. Tech., Pfc. Lafayette Warr, Clerk, File Clerk, Pfc. Annie M. Borden, Med. Lab. Tech., Pfc. Anna Lee Woods, Clerk-Typist, Pfc. Bessie Smith, File Clerk, Pfc. Ethel Norman, Psychiatric Asst., Pfc. Alma Hicks, Med. Lab. Tech., Pfc. Mary Hunter, File Clerk, Pfc. Gloria Fusa, Med. Lab. Tech., Pfc. Mary Hunter, File Clerk, Pfc. Gertrude Lucas, File Clerk, Pfc. Ruby Pallen, File Clerk, Pfc. Lillie C. Truly, Med. Lab. Tech., and Pvt. Ruby M. Calhoun, Clerk-Typist.

BLOOD SEROLOGIES
Since being assigned to the Dispensaries of the Reception Center, they have performed blood serologies on many thousand enlisted men and have given hundreds of thousands of injections to enlisted men in the treatment of Venereal Disease and there has been not one infection.

Lt. Colonel William C. Kennedy, Surgeon of the Reception Center, and the Reception Center Dispensary and the officer under whom these Enlisted Women are assigned says: "No words of commendation could do justice and proper credit to the WACs of the Reception Center Dispensary and the efficient services they have rendered. Our hats are off to you of the Women's Army Corp on this your third anniversary celebration."

LIKES THE GROUND!
He likes to build 'em, but he wants to stay on the ground. That's Corporal Guido Pucci, who has charge of the Pharmacy department, Station Hospital Camp Sibert, who builds model airplanes as a hobby. He has recently built a P-38 model, complete with guns, retractable landing gear, and props that turn. He even has put imaginary Jap kills on the fuselage. Pucci was asked, "Would you like to ride in a plane that someone else built?" He replied, "Nope, I'd be afraid to go up in a plane."

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Bayonet's 'GI Gripe' Columnist Retiring On Over-42 Discharge

By SGT. CARL NEU
T-3 Owen J. Remington, the familiar "work-horse" and GI-Gripe columnist for the Bayonet, retires to more fertile fields in a few days as he will be discharged from the Army under the regulations providing for the discharge of enlisted men over 42 years of age.

Sergeant Remington, whose years in the newspaper, publicity and radio business, gifted the Army with his experience in 1942, has been the star of the Post Public Relations Office since August, 1942.

A former staffer on the St. Paul, Minn. Dispatch, Rem, as he was familiarly known by his comrades at the typewriters, had his own publicity organization in St. Paul at the time of his induction.

This experience, coupled with his satiric humor, stopped most of his colleagues in any of their stories, but his journalistic field, for Rem could always go there one better.

Based on the best authority of "I was there," Rem's stories continually harangued his companions to deliver their yarns with a bit of Richard Halliburton.

Habitually bashful, Rem told this reporter, when he asked an interview, that all questions would be submitted in writing. To which the following questions were propounded:

1. Do you think good living in the Army has added years to your life-expectancy?
2. What do you think about fire guard?
3. Did you not "sharpen your eye" by firing on the range?
4. Would you consider re-enlisting in the Army if I provided you with a personal typewriter—that works?

TO ALL OF WHICH: Rem replied, "I'll write you a letter when I get home."

As he leaves the staff, radio beacons him his future fields. In his assignment at Post Public Relations, Sgt. Remington has coordinated all broadcasting as chief of the radio section.

He has staged scores of special events broadcasted and joined with the staff in arranging Mother's Day services, and a score of other events which only the public relations office would suggest.

Succeeding Sgt. Remington as chief of the radio section at Post PRO is Technical Sergeant Harold Salomon, veteran newspaper writer from the west coast. Nephew of Jack L. Salomon, the New York Daily Mirror, Sgt. Salomon's newspaper experience has taken him on a wealth of stories.

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An Army Wife Shops In Columbus
By Phyllis

The J. A. KIRVEN COMPANY is right in tune with the times with their "Exposure Fashions." The "bare" look is all the rage, and why not, with all the warm weather about to engulf us. Bareback play clothes and bareback dresses, Dorsey open-work footwear, half-hats, all definitely follow along with the "exposure" idea. Perfect for wear with bareback dresses are long, long gloves to give a fashionable and glamorous touch. Your legs will have a smooth, bare look if you use leg make-up in all its sun-tan shades. While exposing yourself, shall we say, in your bare-back play clothes, the application of sun-tan lotions will keep you looking cool and serene instead of like a boiled lobster. So, if you would be right in the fashion "swim" this summer, follow Kirven's numerous suggestions for unusual and decidedly attractive "exposure" fashions.

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ENTERTAINMENT

The Bayonet, Thursday, May 17, 1945

"Naughty Marietta" Plays In Columbus On Wednesday

Victor Herbert's immortal operetta, "Naughty Marietta," will be given in Columbus, at the Jordan High School Auditorium, next Wednesday night, May 23, at 8:30 p. m. Produced by MCA, the show is being brought to this area by the Columbus Club Club, a women's civic organization.

Reed Lawton and Joanne Leonard will play the roles portrayed on the screen by Nelson Eddy and Jeanette MacDonald. The supporting cast includes Kenneth Wilson, John Anania, Joey Fontaine, Vincent Gardin, Vincent Rondinelli, Vito Scotti, Marjorie Moore, Hedy Muller, and a bevy of other beautiful girls.

LIGHT CLASSICS
The locale of the story, as those who saw the screen production will remember, is the French colony of New Orleans two centuries ago. The romantic story is studied with such immortal light classical numbers as "I'm Falling in Love with Someone," "Neath the Southern Moon," "Italian Street Song," and many more.

Gina Valente, child prodigy pianist, will play Chopin's "Fantaisie Impromptu" during an interlude of the second act.

Tickets will be priced from \$3.00 to \$12.00 (tax included) and are on sale at Humes Music Co., Columbus. Post Personnel may reserve seats by phoning Miss Lucile Reid, Finance Depart., FB 2150.

Second Army Record Review

By CPL LOUIS D. RUBIN, JR.
Victor and Columbia have released a neat handful of new recordings, with some of their best talent contributing to the air.

Organizational dayrooms would do well to get hold of some of these recordings, for their photographs, their reviews, and their names are in Columbus.

Two new discs are presented by Columbia's Harry James, the man with the trumpet. "I Wish I Knew" and "The More I See You" is, on the whole, better than the other record, with "I Wish I Knew" being the more popular of the two. "Yah-ta-ta," Benny Goodman's Orchestra does a fairly good job of "Yah-ta-ta," but "The More I See You" is a better record, with "Yah-ta-ta" being the more popular of the two.

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JOANNE LEONARD
she's 'naughty Marietta'

USO 'Speak Up' Heads This Way

"Speak up," another USO-Camp Shows attraction composed of comedy, singing, dancing, musical and novelty acts, will play the Ft. Benning area from May 25 to 31 inclusive. Six evening performances will be given, as well as two added shows for hospital patients.

Featured in the variety bill are the well-known performers of the Musical Johnsons, the three Osmond Sisters, the six Cover Girls (yum-yum), the Del Martins, Paul Nolan & Co., and Arlington Laity.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
The tentative schedule of appearances is as follows:
May 25, 8:45 p. m., Brewer Field, Harmony Church;
May 26, 8:45 p. m., Watson Field, Reception Center;
May 28, 6:30 p. m., Regional Hospital No. 2, Harmony Church;
May 29, 8:45 p. m., 3rd STR Bldg, Harmony;
May 29, 8:45 p. m., Parachute Club, TFS Area;
May 30, 8:45 p. m., Doughboy Stadium;
May 31, 6:30 p. m., Regional Hospital No. 2, Harmony Church;
May 31, 8:45 p. m., Alabama Gym, Alabama Area.

Admission is free, and all servicemen are invited.

Lawson Waterman Describes Work In Africa on WDAK

Action in North Africa will be the theme of the Lawson Field Air Show tonight, 7:45 p. m. (WDAK), over WDAK, when Staff Sgt. Herbert O. Edwards, of the Lawson Field Weather Station, describes his experiences during 30 months duty in Egypt as a senior weather observer with the Troop Carrier Command.

A native of Alabama and a graduate of Phenix City High School, Sergeant Edwards will describe many activities of the Troop Carrier Command in the North African Theater during the operation of the famed Nazi desert fox, Field Marshal Erwin Rommel. He will also inject into the AAF broadcast more than a bit of the legendary humor attributed to the weather service—in this case, humor gleaned from his own experiences, both overseas and at Lawson Field.

The important work rendered by the Lawson Field Weather Station not only to the Army Air Forces, but to the Fort Benning ground units and the citizens of Columbus, as well, will be stressed by Sergeant Edwards.

Featured musical guest of the air show will be tenor soloist, Sgt. Elmer Peterson, of The Parachute School, who during more than two years overseas duty in the South Pacific as a field artillery radio man—was supplied with food and essentials by the men and planes of the Troop Carrier Command.

'Bama Area Service Club, Library Will Reopen On Tuesday

Service Club No. 7 and the Alabama Area Library are reopening Tuesday night, 22 May, with a reception and dance. They have been combined and enlarged to twice their former size.

Two of The Parachute School's bands will furnish entertainment in the form of popular music. Sergeant Tony Muro and his 22nd ACF Band, will share the honors with Sergeant Norman Frohman and his band.

The Parachute School radio program "Boots and Wings" will broadcast from the Service Club on the opening night, featuring Sergeant Birnberg as master of ceremonies.

The Movie Week

THURSDAY
Nos. 1 and 8—SON OF LASSIE, with Donald Crisp and Peter Lawford.
Nos. 2 and 3—TARZAN AND THE AMAZONS, with Johnny Weissmuller and Brenda Joyce.
Nos. 4 and 5—CONFLICT, with Humphrey Bogart and Alexis Smith.
No. 7—THE VALLEY OF DECISION, with Greer Garson and Lionel Barrymore.
No. 10—COUNTER-ATTACK, with Paul Muni and Marguerite Chapman.
No. 11—PILLOW TO POST, with Ida Lupino and Sydney Greenstreet.

FRIDAY
Nos. 1 and 8—SON OF LASSIE, with Donald Crisp and Peter Lawford.
Nos. 2 and 3—COLONEL BLIMP, with Anton Walbrook and Roger Livesey.
Nos. 4 and 5—CONFLICT, with Humphrey Bogart and Alexis Smith.
No. 7—THE BODY SNATCHER, with Boris Karloff and Bela Lugosi.
No. 10—THE VALLEY OF DECISION, with Greer Garson and Lionel Barrymore.
No. 11—MURDER, HE SAYS, with Fred MacMurray and Helen Walker.

SATURDAY
Nos. 1 and 8—SWING OUT, SISTER, with Rod Cameron and Billie Burke.
THE CHICAGO KID, with Donald Barry and Lynne Roberts.
Nos. 2 and 3—SON OF LASSIE, with Donald Crisp and Peter Lawford.
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SUNDAY
Nos. 1 and 8—THOSE ENDEARING SWEET CHARMS, with Robert Young and Laraine Day.
Nos. 2 and 3—SON OF LASSIE, with Donald Crisp and Peter Lawford.
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MONDAY
Nos. 1 and 8—THOSE ENDEARING SWEET CHARMS, with Robert Young and Laraine Day.
Nos. 2 and 3—SWING OUT, SISTER, with Rod Cameron and Billie Burke.
THE CHICAGO KID, with Donald Barry and Lynne Roberts.
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No. 10—CONFLICT, with Humphrey Bogart and Alexis Smith.
No. 11—THE VALLEY OF DECISION, with Greer Garson and Lionel Barrymore.

TUESDAY
Nos. 1 and 8—THE FIGHTING GUARDSMAN, with Willard Parker and Anita Louise.
Nos. 2 and 3—THOSE ENDEARING SWEET CHARMS, with Robert Young and Laraine Day.
Nos. 4 and 5—SON OF LASSIE, with Donald Crisp and Peter Lawford.
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No. 11—THE CHICAGO KID, with Donald Barry and Lynne Roberts.

WEDNESDAY
Nos. 1 and 8—KISMET, with Ronald Colman and Marlene Dietrich.
Nos. 2 and 3—THOSE ENDEARING SWEET CHARMS, with Robert Young and Laraine Day.
Nos. 4 and 5—SWING OUT, SISTER, with Rod Cameron and Billie Burke.
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Third Avenue USO Plans 'Box Supper'
A "Country Party and Box Supper" will be held Friday night at the Third Avenue USO for servicemen of Fort Benning. Miss Peggy Davis, director of the club, has announced.

All servicemen are invited to attend the novel affair. Games will be played in the garden of the club, followed by dancing and refreshments. The dancing will be led by Cpl. Bob Malville.

Junior hostesses and sorority members will also attend the social, which is scheduled to get under way at 8 p. m. Friday.

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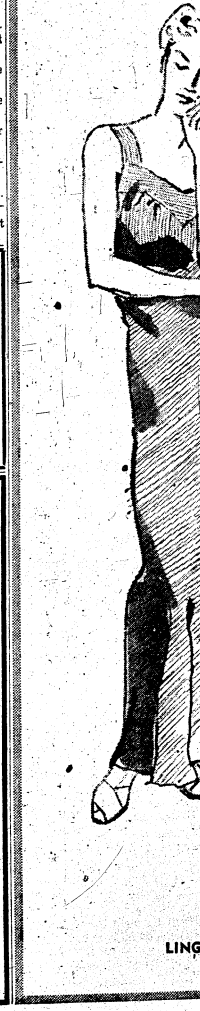
Four Deuces Play On WRBL Tonight

"Moods in Music" by the Four Deuces, instrumental dinner music ensemble of Fourth Headquarters Detachment, Special Troops, Second Army, will be featured tonight on "Second Army Shorts" at 6:00 o'clock over Radio Station WRBL.

The program, number forty-one in the consecutive series of broadcasts by and about Second Army, will present several numbers by the Four Deuces, under the direction of T-Sgt. Kenneth D. Blum, of Detroit, Michigan.

The Four Deuces play several engagements each week at the Main Officers Club at Fort Benning, and they have been complimented time and time again for the excellence of their smooth dinner music.

Recently they played at Service Club No. 1 when a banquet was held for guests of the Mother's Day weekend here at the post.



2d Army Combat Show Finals Slated Friday

A first prize of \$50 to the winning company has been set for the Second Army's second series of Combat Shows, the finals of which are to be seen Friday evening at 8:30, it was announced today by Maj. Neil R. Maxey, Adjutant General of Fourth Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Special Troops, Second Army.

Participating companies in the present Combat Show series have readied short performances of from 10 to 15 minutes in length. They have used only T-E equipment and unit personnel in preparation for the shows, because the Combat Show idea was conceived so as to lay a foundation for unit entertainment overseas, where only T-E equipment is available.

ENTERTAINMENT VALUE
The winning show will gain for the personnel of its company the sum of \$50 to be used for recreational purposes among the men. Second place will take a \$35 prize, and \$20 will go to the third place entry. Unit shows will be judged on the strength of their entertainment value, not on technical perfection.

The Second Army's first series of Combat Shows was held last autumn, and with movie star Betty Davis viewing the finals, the 220th Ordnance HAM Company took first prize in the finals at the Children's Schoolhouse auditorium on the Main Post, after having come up through its battalion finals to gain a place in the closing round. The shows, staged under the direction of Sgt. H. W. Moore, were pronounced an immense success by all who saw them, and commendations were received both from Headquarters Fort Benning and from Headquarters Second Army.

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Success At San Francisco

"Bringing the nations together, if it does nothing else, has made this conference worthwhile," said a spectator at San Francisco. Bringing the nations together has indeed been worthwhile for we see now what keeps nations apart. The difficulty is not a question of who is chairman, who gets how many votes, nor any other detail of organization. It is a question of whether that organization will be governed by moral and spiritual principles or by politics and expediency.

If small nations' demands are based on self-interest, for instance, rather than on principles of justice, they will just be grist in the wheels of a world organization. And if large nations are more concerned with their own interests and prestige than with moral principle the way is not paved for peace.

"We must deal realistically with facts of war," said one of the delegates. "Among the facts of war," replied another, "are also the principles that are the only sure way to peaceful interna-

tional life." The battle for principle must be won at San Francisco, and won without compromise, or the battle for peace will be lost. We must also win the hearts and minds and keep the loyalty of those we work with. The only way to win a battle of principle is to win the other fellow to your principle. Or both must change and find together a higher principle on which to work. Can this be done? Anything can be done at the San Francisco conference that you and I can do in a family conference. Can we stand firmly for moral principle at the breakfast table and not lose the loyalty of our wife or children? We can, if we will place ourselves under authority along with them—if, instead of dictating to them, we learn with them, admitting our own mistakes. The one high authority we can all accept and work under together is the authority of God. Use this as the key to agreement without compromise at home, and we will have the key needed for success at San Francisco.

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Full Speed Ahead For Victory!

V-E Day is now history. The Germans are dead ducks. The Japs already are darn poor insurance risks, but the job ahead is tough—and it's going to become particularly tough in the near future.

There's a keen satisfaction in looking back on a job well done—and GIs all over the world can pat themselves on the back for taking on some of the toughest assignments in the history of war and consistently chalking up unbreakable records of performance. That goes for everyone in both the European and Pacific theaters.

Starting from behind the goal line a long while back with guts, determination and confidence, they have plunged past mid-field, past the white markers of Guadalcanal, North Africa, New Guinea, Sicily, Tarawa, Italy, Guam, France, Iwo Jima, the Philippines and now Germany.

For the first time in more than three years of dogged fighting the goal is in sight. We're going to take out some of the tired men and throw in young and fresh replacements to speed the final victory, but the game will be just as rough and tough as it has been from the beginning.

A Word About Money Orders

You're right in thinking that a money order is as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar, and as safe as a bank account. It is a system that provides the utmost security, and there are certain things that you should know about its operation to avoid any inconvenience or misunderstanding.

Special consideration has been given to military personnel, and for a period of 60 days from the date of issue, the money order may be cashed at any post office, without regard to where it was purchased or the office designated for payment. It's like a portable savings bank. Present the money order, and you get the money.

Things are a little different after 60 days have passed. After that length of time, you can cash the money order only at the office of issue, or the office designated for payment. However, if you have moved around and that is no longer possible, provision is made so that you may return the money order to the postmaster at the

office where it was issued. He will write out a new money order and make it payable at any post office you may designate. There is a fee for making out the new money order, of course, which will be deducted from the amount to be received.

If you have held a money order for more than a year, it can't be cashed at any post office. It is necessary to make application for payment through your local postmaster, to the Post Office Department, Washington, D. C. A check will be issued to you in payment of the money order. This is slow—but it's sure.

Just bear these facts in mind so you won't be counting on using right away that Christmas money sent to you overseas a couple of years ago, only to find to your disappointment and embarrassment that Post Office Department regulations will not permit cashing it immediately.

Hats Off To The WD

Hats off to the War Department for its far-sighted and comprehensive plans for redeployment.

We think they are swell.

We like the way the War Department laid its cards on the table for every man and woman in uniform to see.

We like the "Okay, Joe, this is the story. We've got a tough job ahead in the Pacific. Whipping those Japs will be tough, but we can do it. We don't like the prospects any better than you do, but the sooner we get in there and pitch the sooner we'll all get home," frankness with which the plans are outlined.

We like the way the point system is laid on the line. A little multiplication and addition and

every soldier knows just where he stands. Some discharges won't get out of uniform for a long time, but the War Department doesn't double-talk and alibi but comes right out and says so.

The plans reflect straight thinking and straight talking. They reflect a great deal of study and a full appreciation of the job left to do. The plans and the methods used to present them to the troops are strictly okay. It doesn't take a lawyer to understand the language nor a mystic to read between the lines. The story is all there in black and white.

Every man and woman in uniform should be grateful—for they now know just where they stand.

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The Seventh War Loan drive for War Department personnel has started. It lasts until July 7th. It needs your support, and you need the security and nest-egg that war bonds will provide.

The Treasury Department offers a special bond available to military personnel only—and it really fills the bill. It's the GI Bond which can be bought for \$7.50 and matures in ten years at \$10.

Although the GI Bond can be purchased only by military personnel, you can make any individual your co-owner: your wife, your mother—yes, even your girl.

Perhaps you're already buying one or more GI Bonds each month by allotment. Why not increase that allotment by at least \$7.50? See your Unit Personnel Officer if you want to start or increase an allotment for GI Bonds. You won't be sorry.

And don't forget that you can buy GI Bonds

for cash from the Finance office on your post. A few of these \$10 bonds bought during this Seventh War Loan can come in mighty handy for those extras that you'll undoubtedly want to buy later on.

Savings is a truly important word in your life right now. The kind of future America has—the kind of future you and your family will have when we win this war—rests with you. Don't let that future slip through your fingers—don't miss any chance to save!

No matter what the Big Three do, nations will continue at sixes and sevens until their own people learn to be one.

It's only a rising tide of selfishness which can keep this or any other nation off the rocks.

"Live and let live" can too easily become "live and let die."

People take the right road when you beckon them along it, not when you point it out.

We can't put the world right over night. But we can put ourselves right and that's the best start.



BENNING BANTER

BY CPT. "TAP" GOODENOUGH

(Ed. Note: The Bayonet herewith presents a short, short story. It is purely fictitious and any resemblance between the characters herein and human beings is intentional.)

Pvt. Egbert Glumm was unhappy. And well did he have reason to be—the point system for discharging soldiers had just been announced in the papers, and after removing his shoes, he had finally calculated that his net total consisted of 49.

Only 49 points! This was a far cry from the necessary 85!

Thus did Pvt. Glumm, wander about in disconsolate state. To be a civilian again meant everything to him. He was needed at his old job back at the glue factory. His mother missed him. So did his old dog.

It also occurred to him that his wife was pregnant.

Of course, when little "12 Points" arrived, that would bring his total up to 61, but he would still have to wait about two years before he would be released.

The thought of this awful fate weighed upon him heavily he felt as though an elephant were using him for a park bench.

What could he do?

There seemed no answer to his perplexing problem. Worst of all, there was not any Black Market for discharge points.

So what did Egbert ultimately do? You guessed it—he went A.W.O.L.

This drastic step, however, proved to be but a futile gesture, for Pvt. Glumm was soon picked up by a muscular M.P., who politically escorted him back to camp.

You may be surprised to hear that Glumm was sentenced to two years in the stockade after all, this was only the 7th time he had gone "over the hill."

"Oh, well," said he, "What's two years! I have to stay in that long anyhow."

The next day Pvt. Glumm received the following telegram:

"Wife gave birth to triplets."

MORAL: Even the stork has its good points!

SHORT SHORT SHOTS!

This one really happened: Telephone operator at camp: "Is this a collect call?"

Voice on the other end: "Yes."

Operator: "But is it an official call?"

Voice: "Yes. This is Pvt. So-and-so calling to request an extension on his furlough!"

SONG OF THE HEART

A blind man stood in the doorway, With a rusty cup by his side— While a young and gay generation Grew up as the old world died.

He heard the voices around him, And the hoast of the carefree crowd; But they never knew he was listening— For his heart deep inside was proud.

Perhaps in the night a stray nickel Would fall in the rusty cup; But no one stopped to cheer him When his sightless eyes looked up.

When he died they finally found, Too late for the praise to start— Beneath the rags of his garments The shreds of a purple heart.

S-5GT. ROBERT G. LYALL 1st Bn, 1st STR-TIS.

The BOOK Shelf

BY CORP. LOUIS D. RUBIN, JR.

We were going to do a book review of a fairly seriously novel entitled "Education Before Verdict," by Arnold Zweig, which presents a striking analysis of the German character in defeat, for this week's Book Shelf.

However, Sgt. Carl Neu, who among other activities manages to edit THE BAYONET every week, came running up with a copy of TIME magazine. "Look here!" the voice of Fort Benning articulated. "Here's a book review about a book by Walter Bernstein!"

Who was Walter Bernstein? Why, he was one of the finest writers on the staff of that fine magazine, YANK, the delight of GI gentlemen the world over. Furthermore, he had at one time been strictly on the ball over in The Infantry School Public Relations Office. Quite a man, according to all the info we could get on him.

Inspired by the thought of a Fort Benning alumnus having written a book, and also by the thought that Sgt. Carl Neu is editor of THE BAYONET and we are only a writer for THE BAYONET, we devoted whatever attention we could muster to TIME's review of Bernstein's book.

Seems like its name is "Keep Your Head Down," it sells for two bucks, and it is published by Viking. TIME, which we think is fairly level-headed when it comes to reviewing books, thinks Bernstein's opus is pretty good. That's good enough for us!

The book is full of anecdotes concerning the common soldier, and even about some uncommon ones who made T-4. Bernstein, whose stuff we have enjoyed very much in the pages of YANK, was stationed here at Fort Benning, in Italy, and even in Yugoslavia, where he managed to weave his way through some pretty devious natural obstacles to interview Marshal Tito, the Partisan leader.

Bernstein uses very little soap and eulogy when he portrays the American soldier. He tells the story, and if you don't find Pvt. Willie Smith waving his rifle on high and shouting "Huzzah, lads, let's do and die for dear old Siwash!" before he proceeds to capture single-handedly fifteen German paratroopers and two light tanks, it's because the thing just didn't happen that way. Bernstein's a GI, just like all of us. He knows the score.

His anecdotes of his Fort Benning stay should prove interesting reading, indeed. With Bernstein's eye for the humorous side of the story, there ought to be quite a few good laughs. Personally, we are going to grab hold of a copy of "Keep Your Head Down" as soon as it appears in the book-stores or at the Post Library.

Neu hopes he might be mentioned in the book, and later reports have it that he is calling White's Book Store in Columbus a trumpet from somewhere, and the resulting rhythm is a thing of beauty and joy forever.

Pvt. Robert O'Hara at Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army, attended a Detachment party last, but he didn't enjoy himself very much. Seems Mrs. O'Hara, back in Ebensburg, Pa., is expecting to present O'Hara with a little O'Hara momentarily.

They've got a hot trio out in the 215th Ordnance Battalion these days. Two of the lads handle guitars quite nicely, and somebody fangled a trumpet from somewhere, and the resulting rhythm is a thing of beauty and joy forever.

True, the state may owe you something—a chance to go to school, or a job, or an opportunity to buy a home, a farm, a business—but, how many are we ready and willing to contribute to the state? We dare not pass the buck! Our biggest job lies ahead of us. Individually, we must work to make this a safe world for family, home, church and state.

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Chaplain's Corner..

PASSING THE BUCK

By Chap. W. E. Reifsnnyder

Among the various interpretations of the term, "passing the buck," there is this one—the inclination to avoid responsibility for one's own acts. Biblical history begins with a sermon dealing with this very thing, when we read about the garden home of Adam and Eve. The Creator, God, is walking in the cool of the day, seeking his man-child, for Adam had hidden. To God's question, "Where art thou?" Adam replied, "I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

God's second question, "Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldst not eat?" was answered by Adam with — "The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat." The implication is—the woman whom you gave me, it was she who gave me the fruit, and had you not created that woman, no fruit from the tree would have been served on my dinner table. This made idea was your own. God, you gave her to me.

It seems that Eve joined God and Adam during this conversation. God put the question to Eve—"What is this thou hast done?" By her reply, "The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat," she intimated that the fruit and the serpent were God's creation, and that He had placed both of these in the garden. So Adam and Eve furnish us with a classic in literature, which may well be titled, "Passing the Buck."

But, adroit evasion by the first parents does not conclude the sermon. There were two sons, Abel the shepherd and Cain the farmer, who became jealous of his younger brother and slew him. The murderer knew the garden story. Like many since that day, he had an answer ready when God asked him—"Where is Abel thy brother?" His evasive answer was "Am I my brother's keeper?" A son, like his parents, was seeking the easy way out, by passing the buck.

This sermon is for all of us. A tremendous task lies before the world. Our President has sounded a call for all of us "to work." Are we ready and willing to assume our individual responsibility in a post-war world? Many of you have made great sacrifices; some of our buddies have given youth and life. Dare we go back home and feel that now the state owes us something, and that we owe nothing to the state? Will we shift the responsibility for tomorrow's world upon others?

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GI WIFE

THE BROTHER OF A DECEASED VETERAN WRITES: "My brother, who was honorably discharged last year, recently died of pneumonia. Isn't there some provision whereby the government will reimburse the family for his funeral expenses?"

ANSWER: "Yes, if your brother was an honorably discharged veteran, or discharged for disability incurred in line of duty, or in receipt of pension for service-connected disability, the Veterans Administration may pay (with certain limitations where burial expenses are otherwise provided) for burial and funeral expenses and transportation of the body (including preparation of the body) to the place of burial, a sum not exceeding \$100.00. You should make application on Veterans Administration Form 530, and claim must be filed within two years after the date of burial and perfected within one year from the date the Veterans Administration requests supporting evidence."

ANOTHER MOTHER WRITES: "My husband is drawing a small pension as a Spanish-American War veteran. We have been told that we could not receive a family allowance from our son in the army on account of this. Is this true?"

ANSWER: "Each application for family allowance is judged on its own merits. Each Class B or S-I dependent is required to fill out a dependency certificate showing their financial circumstances and if their situation shows that they are dependent on the soldier in full or in part, they may be eligible for a family allowance. It is recommended that you contact the nearest army post, camp or station, or write Headquarters, Fourth Service Command, Atlanta 3, Georgia, explaining your circumstances and giving name, serial number, and all identifying information concerning the soldier."

A SERGEANT'S WIFE WRITES: "My husband wrote me that he was sending some money to me by the Personal Transfer Account Plan. Please tell me what this plan is."

ANSWER: "The Personal Transfer Account Plan is a plan whereby soldiers overseas can send money home easily, conveniently, and free of charge. In using this plan, your husband gives the money, with instructions to his personnel officer who will give him a receipt and fill out and

sign three copies of W. D. F. D. No. 38. When the instructions for payment reach the Finance Office in New York, or San Francisco, as the case may be, a check will be issued and forwarded to you."

A VETERAN FROM MACON, GEORGIA SAYS: "I am honorably discharged from the Army and plan to open a small drug store. Am I not, as a veteran, exempt from paying for my business license?"

ANSWER: "Yes, you certainly are. The Georgia Code (1933-Section 84-2011 amended Laws 1935, pp 163-166) provides that veterans may conduct any business not prohibited by law without the payment of a license tax."

A CORPORAL'S MOTHER ASKS ABOUT EDUCATION. SHE SAYS: "My youngest son, age 18, was inducted last year. He had not completed high school because of our financial circumstances. Is there any branch of service where he could have an opportunity to further his education?"

ANSWER: "Yes, ma'am, there certainly is! After your son completes his basic training, he may enroll in the United States Armed Forces Institute for either correspondence or self-training courses, offered direct by the Institute; for correspondence courses offered by approved educational institutions cooperating with the U. S. Armed Forces Institute. A large variety of courses in vocational, technical, and academic fields are offered, and the registration fee is only \$2.00. No additional fee will be required for additional courses while satisfactory progress is made. It is recommended that your son see his Information and Education Officer or personnel officer at his post."

A CORPORAL'S WIFE INQUIRES: "Can I file application for Emergency Maternity and Infant Care to have my doctor bill paid? I plan to use my hospitalization insurance for my hospital bill."

ANSWER: "No. The law establishing the Emergency Maternity and Infant Care Program states that funds spent for the doctor and hospital care will not be supplemented by funds from the patient or any other agency. Payments to the doctor or hospital, in addition to those made by the health department, may not be made by or in behalf of the wife."



You'd ought to see the pin-up picture Col. Coulborn has—of himself when he was a baby. Very cute.

Blown out of his plane at 20,000 feet over the mountains of Alaska, Lt. Robert D. Moss, Buckingham Field co-pilot, doesn't even remember pulling the record of his chute as he plummeted to earth. The plane had caught fire and gone out of control in a dive. When the signal came to abandon ship the men couldn't open the escape hatch on account of the violent lurching of the ship. "All of a sudden," remembers Lt. Moss, "there was a terrible explosion which made a big hole in the Plexiglas top of the pilot's compartment." Moss and four enlisted men of the twelve-man crew were the only survivors. After the three days it took them to reach each other, the group followed a stream for 150 miles and after ten days reached the fishing village of Lake Iliamna, where they had their first real food.

Never let it be said that T-5 Peter Constantino failed to do his bit to cement the bonds of American-Australian alliance. Seventeen days after he landed "down under," he married Australian Nurse Edna Jean Waters. They met the first day Constantino landed in Melbourne, were engaged in eleven days and married by Col. Edmund Horgan, Acting C.O. at Foster General Hospital. The Air Medal was presented to Lt. Dial, while Lt. Col. received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with an oak leaf cluster. Lt. Dial is a patient at Foster General recuperating from injuries sustained when a plane carrying 18 battle casualties was forced to crash-land on a coral reef off New Guinea. Lt. Col. who is a regular army man expects to make his career with the Army Air Forces, but his wife Lt. Dial is going to let him "Army" for the whole family "I'm going to be just a wife, and—after the war—as she says, have a home and children."

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thought the Germans would shoot us—it never occurred to me that they'd take us to a prison camp. I didn't even worry much about being shot, except that I thought "This certainly is going to upset mother."

Pvt. Martha Madsen, assigned to Occupational Therapy at Kennedy General Hospital, has the Army in her blood. Her father is a regular Army man (now retired) and she has seen military life all over the map practically. She enlisted in the WAC in September 1942 and was honorably discharged in May 1943. She just plain didn't want civilian life, however, for she re-enlisted in the WAC in October 1944. She has been at Kennedy General since December.

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Around The Circuit

By SGT. JOHN T. CRONIN

FRANK GRAHAM, of the Troopers, who tossed a one-hitter against the Rifles; ARCHIE CORLEY, Foxes' chunker, who tossed a one-hitter against Phenix City; and PAUL DERRICKSON, Wolves' playing-manager, came up with the best pitching performances last week—but, after hand-cuffing the School Troops Vets for five innings, Derrickson watched his teammates kick the game away. . . . BOB MONTAG hit one of the hardest balls of the season against the Vets—but it landed in FRED FEHR's hands. . . . The Columbus Foxes finally hit the win column and with a bang—they chalked up four straight wins. . . . JACK HOLLAND's catch Sunday of AL LEWIS, Phenix City outfielder, was one of the season's best. . . . AL TATE, Troopers' pitcher-outfielder, was sidelined last week with brush burns as the result of stealing bases. . . . GEORGE MUMGER is by far and wide the most hustling player in the league. . . . One can spot that Cardinal hustler the minute he steps on the playing field. . . . RAMSEY, the Parachute School third baseman, turns in a good game each time out. . . . He can really throw that ball to first base. . . . CAREY ROBINSON has been named manager of the Rifles and LARRY CLEMENT, team captain. . . . RALPH KEESEE was all ready to start for Troopers the other night when he pulled a muscle in his arm. . . . Talking about the Troopers, wonder whatever happened to MIKE HOGAN, who managed the Troopers last season. . . . The pitchers appear to be a long way ahead of the batters this year. . . . In-care-you-care department: Mike McCormick, Cincinnati Reds' outfielder, Walt Judnich, the Brown slugger; Darlo Lodigiani, White Sox third baseman, and Johnny Beasley, Cardinal pitcher, all are playing in the Hawaii Service League. . . .

Seems as though some of those runners who stroll down to second base with a runner on third could be cut down. . . . JOHNNY GHIGLIERI and JACK HOLLAND joined the "home run club" last week with circuit smashes against the 3d PTR Reds. . . . Wonder who's going to hit the first home run over the right field fence at Gowdy Field? . . . More batters have been hit by pitched balls already this season than all last year. . . . The Main Post was a pretty dead place Sunday with all games cancelled because of rain. . . . WOLVES DE VOLDER hit two balls last week which put the Wolves in trouble. . . . His first took a bad bounce as DERRICKSON was set to field it and a bad throw on his second batted ball allowed the winning run to scamper home from second. . . . For once, the batters are not worrying about their batting points—however, it's still points—DISCHARGE points. . . . We are still waiting for most of the umpires to throw a new ball direct to the pitcher. . . . A lot of time is wasted when the ball is handed to the catcher, who throws to the third baseman. . . . AL TATE and STAN ZASLAW, Profs' third baseman, are having a great battle for batting honors. . . . At this writing, Tate has collected 11 bingles in 21 trips for a mark of .524, and Zaslawa has collected 10 hits in 21 trips for a mark of .476. . . . GEORGE CARMACK hasn't played since his great catch at Gowdy Field more than 10 days ago. . . . Add little guy: BILL SHIVER, Wolves' second baseman. . . . Get to Gowdy Field early next Monday if you want a seat that will tilt between the School Troops Vets and the Rifles, who will send MUMGER to the hill, should pack the stands. . . . HERB BREMER, who caught for the Profs last season, was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge shortly before the European war ended. . . .

Columbus Foxes Topple Wolves

The Columbus Foxes finally reached the 500 mark when they downed the 1st STR Wolves, 9-2, Friday night at Gowdy Field. A five-run rally in the second frame put the game in the win column for the Bowden managed team. However, they added a single run in the fifth and three more in the sixth.

The Wolves collected their first run in the last of the fifth and the second in the last of the seventh when Armstrong doubled and Southard singled.

GILBERT HURLS Arthur Gilbert pitched nice ball for the winners. He was real for his hits until the final innings. He fanned six. Southard worked for the losers and was found for 11 hits. He hit three batters.

The summary: R H E Col. Foxes 950 013 000-9 11 Wolves 000 010 100-2 7 Batter: Gilbert and Timco Southard and Charzan, Armstrong Six states—Georgia, Maryland, North and South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia—are named for British rulers.

7th Company Leads In School Troops Softball Playoffs

Scoring in the first, third, and fifth innings the Seventh Infantry Training Company softball team easily defeated Company 1 (Motor Pool) 8-2, last week. The win tightened the hold on first place in the League A, B and C play-off for the School Troops championship.

The Third Infantry Training Company also defeated First Company, 6-2, last Friday and moved into second place, one game behind Seventh Company.

If the Third Company defeats Seventh Company in the team's second meeting the two teams will be tied, necessitating a third game for the championship of Leagues A, B and C.

In ITD No. 1, Ninth Company became champions of League B (Motor Pool) 8-2, last week. The win tightened the hold on first place in the League A, B and C play-off for the School Troops championship.

The play-off series between Ninth Company and the winners of League A, B and C will probably take place in the latter part of this week or early next week. Games will be played on a "home and home" schedule in fairness to the teams.

Officer Buys \$4,000 Bond In Golf Tourney

By SGT. CARL NEU

Fort Benning's 7th War Loan Golf Tourney, currently under way at the Officers' Club course, hasn't produced very much in the way of spectacular links play so far—but it has accounted for the purchase of \$4,725 in war bonds, including one \$4,000 bond, which is believed to be the largest individual purchase ever made at the post.

The \$4,000 bond was bought as a "entry fee" by Lt. William C. Nash of the 23rd Co., 2nd STR. Nash couldn't quite match his record-breaking bond purchase on the links, but he did manage to turn in a neat qualifying round score of 77 which is sure to place him in the upper bracket of the championship field.

WEEK'S POSTPONEMENT The qualifying round originally slated to end Sunday, has been moved back one week because of last week's unfavorable weather. All scores must now be posted no later than this Sunday, May 20. Match play will start the following week-end.

Approximately 70 of the expected 100 entries have already turned in their medal scores, and Lt. Bob Kuntz, the ex-Yale golfer, is the current leader with a 75 par-equaling 72 which he fired over the week-end.

COLE IS SECOND Trailing Kuntz by two strokes is Lt. Bob Cole, who shot a 74. Capt. J. E. Robertson and Lt. Curley are deadlocked for third with a 75 apiece while Lt. John Grund and Col. John S. Moore have both posted 78s.

Teach Sgt. Sam Ruzic is pacing the enlisted men qualifier with a 76, followed closely by Pfc. Bob Feeney with a 78.

Penick Ranked Number One In Deuces' Tennis

T-3 Edwin A. Penick, of Raleigh, N. C., has risen to first place as ladder competition moves off to the tennis team of Fourth Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Special Troops, Second Army.

Penick, who defeated T-4 Ken Ohliger, of Tacoma, Wash., in straight sets to take over the top spot and T-4 Robert Love, of Camp, Va., in a close three-set match, moved up into the second spot when Ohliger was recently transferred.

Fifth-seeded T-5 George M. Wood, of San Francisco, Cal., has moved back to third and is considered as a potent threat to Penick's domination of the first place.

Penick's third place in the tournament was the fourth place in the tournament of Honesdale, Pa., in first place. He defeated T-4 Ken Ohliger, of Tacoma, Wash., in straight sets to take over the top spot and T-4 Robert Love, of Camp, Va., in a close three-set match, moved up into the second spot when Ohliger was recently transferred.

Matches are being played on the Post tennis courts, and while inclement weather has slowed progress, a substantial number of games are being played each week.

3rd PTR Reds Bow To Vets

With Andy Kostek turning in the second two best games, the School Troops Vets downed the 3d PTR Reds, 5-0, in a seven-inning tilt Friday night on the School Troops Field. The loss was the sixth straight for the Reds.

Fred Fehr's first-inning triple sent Charley Kittredge over the top. The Vets added another in the fourth. Home runs by Ghiglieri and Holland, mixed with a double by Dick Weber, gave the Vets their last three runs in the fifth.

Lee Harris, Ex-Prof Baseballer, Killed Lt. Lee A. Harris, former company officer in the Academy, died of wounds received in action on the 1944 Fort baseball squad, who were killed and buried in Belgium, according to a letter his mother has written to Lt. John C. Green, regimental athletic and recreation officer.

Lieutenant Harris entered the service two years ago from the University of California, Los Angeles. He was active in college sports and played semi-pro baseball with the Los Angeles Ward's Reds. He was a graduate of The Infantry School officer candidate course and the officers advanced course.

The Post and Harmony Church teams. Seventh Company, by dint of having defeated both Third Company and Company 1 of the Motor Pool, is favored to win the championship of Leagues A, B and C, but can expect a tough time of it from the Third Company, who are one for revenge for a previous licking. Inclement weather caused the postponement of the scheduled second clash.



HITTING HARD FOR THE PROFS—Stan Zaslawa, third baseman of the Academic Regt. Profs, who is hitting at a .476 clip. (Official U. S. Army Phot — The Infantry School)

TPS Athletes Have Had Very Successful Year

By Pfc. Russ Newbold One of the many things the Parachute School can point to with pride is the third year of its history, the accomplishment of its team on the athletic field.

The third year began with a brilliant outlook for both the baseball and softball teams. The softball team far exceeded expectations in a series of games with the ITD No. 2, bad luck combined with fine playing of their opponent, frustrated their every effort. They dropped the Fort Benning championship, losing two games out of three. They put up a magnificent fight and went down fighting in true Trooper fashion, making the third year rich with incident and achievement on the sports front.

With the advent of spring, The Parachute School baseball team showed promise of dwarfing all other athletic accomplishments. The first few games of the young season bore out this promise. Boasting big leaguers and a host of high class minor league ball players, The Parachute School may become the team to bring the highest athletic achievement to the Airborne Area.

WOLFE HIT 330 The Post School baseball team, after a promising start, faltered coming into the stretch and slipped to fourth place in the Post League. The true worth of the Trooper nine cannot be estimated from cold figures alone. They have won more than their share of ball games, though, and were still the Georgia and Fort Benning champions.

With Archie Corley hurling one hit ball, the Columbus Foxes beat the Phenix City Tigers, 7-0, Thursday night at Idle Hour Park. Tommy Garrett's single was the only hit off Corley, who hurled one of the best games of his career.

The Foxes went to work early and scored three times in the first inning. They added single runs in the second and third frames and ended their scoring for the night with two tallies in the seventh. Wright, Bowden, Timco and Bridges each had a double for the winners.

The summary: R H E Foxes 311 000 2-7 11 0 Tigers 000 000 0-0 1 0 Batteries: Corley and Timco, Giglio and Griggs.

Pat Rafferty, known as the "stone man" of Great Falls because he is bedridden with an incurable disease and can't move, had one of his biggest thrills recently.

Rafferty had always been an ardent sports fan and his great thrill came when Sgt. Joe Louis, world's heavyweight champion, took time out from all his scheduled activities, to come to the hospital and sit beside Rafferty and discuss boxing and other sports activities.

The speed of sound decreases with decreasing temperatures.

There were many memorable nights in the Post Gymnasium when the Parachute School team was all starry-eyed and remember the night Al Tate went on a rampage scoring 31 points, and the night a few weeks later

11 TIS Loop Games On Tap If Weatherman Lends Hand

By SGT. JOHN T. CRONIN Providing the weatherman lends a helping hand, 11 games will be played in The Infantry School baseball league during the next seven days. The busy schedule gets underway tonight with the Parachute School meeting the School Troops Vets on Gowdy Field at 7:30.

The big attraction, however, should come Monday night when the 3d STR Rifles take on the high-flying Vets at Gowdy Field. The Rifles, who bowed to the Vets, 3-0, in the first clash between the teams, will send Mungler, the ex-Cardinal star, to the mound in an attempt to halt the pennant-bound rush of the Vets.

Munger worked the last three innings of the first game between the teams, fanned four and gave one hit.

Other outstanding games for the next few days will find the Parachute School and the Academic Regiment Profs meeting Sunday in a double-header at Golden Park. The Troopers and the School Troops will meet the Foxes under the lights at Gowdy Field Monday.

VETS PITCHING If the Vets are going to be the first team winning the first-half flag, they'll have to be stopped soon. They have the jump over all other teams in the loop—they have the pitching. Fellows like George Bender, Andy Kostek, Eden De Volder and Frank Tyler are better than average clockers. The Vets' record proves that statement.

The second-place Academic Regiment has a chance to pick up some ground over the coming several day stretch. However, they'll have plenty of trouble in store for them when they tangle with the Troopers Sunday at Golden Park.

THE SCHEDULE THURSDAY—Parachute School vs. School Troops, Gowdy Field, 7:30. FRIDAY—3d STR vs. Columbus Foxes, Gowdy Field, 7:30. SUNDAY—1st STR vs. 3d STR, Gowdy Field, 2:30 EWT. SUNDAY—Academic Regt. vs. Parachute School, (double-header), Golden Park, Columbus, 1:30 and 2:30 EWT.

SUNDAY—Phenix City vs. 3d PTR, Idle Hour Park, 2:30 EWT. SUNDAY—School Troops vs. Columbus Foxes, Gowdy Field, 7:30. MONDAY—3d STR vs. School Troops, Gowdy Field, 7:30. WEDNESDAY—3d PTR vs. 1st STR, Gowdy Field, 7:30. WEDNESDAY—Columbus Foxes vs. Acad. Regt., Golden Park, 6 EWT. WEDNESDAY—Parachute School vs. Phenix City, Idle Hour Park, 6 EWT.

Tigers Eke Out 3-2 Win Over Panther Foe

By SGT. H. N. BRONNER The Reception Center Tigers, who announced that the 3d STR Panthers, 3-2, last Wednesday, on Watson Field in a thrilling game.

The Panthers took the field first in the idea of avenging their early season defeat by the RC Tigers. The Panthers opened the first inning by hitting two runs, but the classic should be wide open—and this may be the year for a long shot click. . . . More Derby dope later!

RANSOM RELIEVES Ransom relieved him and gave up two runs and four hits before he retired at the end of the eighth inning for a pinch-hitter.

Heard for the Panthers, going like a house afire, those runs seemed as if they were all he needed.

During the game he held the Tigers to six hits and struck out three. The Panthers were not able to garner a run off his delivery until their eighth, although they had threatened in the sixth and seventh.

This seemed to be a threat also when the next two batters popped out to the catcher, but Mike Cheatham blasted a long double to center field, giving the Tigers a well-earned victory by the score of 3-2.

The Tiger infield played a beautiful game, out too much for the Panthers. Oliver, who handled nine chances without a bobbie. T. Brown's stop and throw of a double chance at short was a fielding gem of the game. Williams, who relieved Ransom, showed the crowd an assortment of curves and a nice fast ball.

Chile's production of iron ore is the largest in Latin America. Chile's first railroads were built in 1820.

Lawson Fd. Blanks Sniper Softballers The Lawson Field Flyers captured a decisive 3-0 triumph over the ITD No. 2 Snipers in the opening clash of the Post Softball League on Tuesday afternoon at the Sniper Field.

All of the Flyers came in a bit of a slump when they started when Lucas was safe on an error, and moved to third on another miscue. Then they were safe on the fielder's choice, and when Pitcher Goggins threw wild to second, both Lucas and Theric scored. Goggins followed immediately with a homer to complete the Lawson scoring.

The summary: R H E Lawson 000 030 0-3 8 3 ITD No. 2 000 000 0-0 6 5 Batteries: Lucas and Windus, Goggins, Gomez and Medo.

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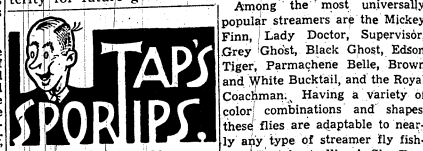
Rod And Gun

10,000 Types of Streamer Flies Are On the Market!

By CPL. "TAP" GOODENOUGH

Anglers! Did you know that there are more than 10,000 types of streamer flies on the market? As a matter of fact, that is a conservative estimate.

Many rabid fishing enthusiasts tie their own flies, each one being given a colorful, descriptive name, so if you can originate one that really makes the big babies strike, it may bear your name and your fame will thus go down into posterity for future generations of Izak Walton.



The last boom of big guns in Europe signaled the start of a terrific sports "boom" for GIs in that theater! For months, the Army Special Services Division has been working overtime to get the program ready. In Rome and Paris, officers and men with previous civilian sport experience, have been coming out of training schools at the rate of 250 per week. Their job will be to organize company, regimental, and divisional sport competition to keep the boys busy until they are transferred to the Pacific or are sent home. . . . Enough football equipment is available to outfit 100 squads of 25 men each; and the football gear for 800,000 players; 36,000 basketballs—and 50,000 uniforms—for thousands more, all of which represents a total of \$1,500,000 worth of athletic supplies! The men will have their choice of 22 different sports in which to participate. . . . The Army, which hopes to cut GI "details" to a minimum, expects to get its sports program rolling some time next month. If British, French, Polish, Russian, Dutch, Australian, and New Zealand troops also join the fun, the program may lead to Allied championships that will make the peacetime Olympics look like a game of marbles! . . . Babe Ruth, who tried a brief fling as a wrestling referee, has decided to quit the racket. Said he, "I was too fat, and I never want to smell another arm pit as long as I live!" . . . Calling all horsemen! . . . Col. Matt Winn, president of Churchill Downs, has announced that the Kentucky Derby will have its 71st renewal on June 9th. . . . The Derby is a party of friends. His Majesty went to work on a great trout that was feeding freely on some natural flies, but nothing he used could induce the fish to strike.

According to the legend, a certain king of England, who was just as clever with the fly rod as he was with his sword, drove out to a famous stream to catch a party of friends. His Majesty went to work on a great trout that was feeding freely on some natural flies, but nothing he used could induce the fish to strike.

After trying six or seven patterns to no avail, the king waded back to his coach to refresh himself with a glass of wine. Here he found the royal coachman, who had been fishing. He had two large white wings, a dash of red in its body, and a long tail. Here is its origin:

Learning that the coachman had just originated it himself, the king decided to try it. He waded back into the stream and whipped out the new-fangled fly. On the first cast, the trout smashed at it. His Majesty saw the iron in, and presumably, the coachman became immortal!

TIGERS SCORE SECONDS Members of the Reception Center Track Team who participated in the 19th Annual Tuskegee Relays and Track Meet which was held, May 11th and 12th, placed second in the following events: 100 Yd. Dash, Alfonso Gordon; shotput and discus; Macon Williams. The Army-Navy YMCA USO on 5th Ave. in Columbus is entering military participants in this meet.

Four Games Tonight In Softball League Four games are slated tonight in the Post Softball League which opened on Tuesday. 4th Infantry plays at Lawson Field, Medical Detachment at ITD No. 1, Academic Regt. at ITD No. 2, and Induction Station at TIS Motor Pool.

Next Tuesday, May 22, Lawson Field plays at Induction Station, Motor Pool plays at ITD No. 1, the Snipers oppose the Raiders, and the Profs battle the Raiders.

Chile's production of iron ore is the largest in Latin America. Chile's first railroads were built in 1820.

Lawson Fd. Blanks Sniper Softballers The Lawson Field Flyers captured a decisive 3-0 triumph over the ITD No. 2 Snipers in the opening clash of the Post Softball League on Tuesday afternoon at the Sniper Field.

All of the Flyers came in a bit of a slump when they started when Lucas was safe on an error, and moved to third on another miscue. Then they were safe on the fielder's choice, and when Pitcher Goggins threw wild to second, both Lucas and Theric scored. Goggins followed immediately with a homer to complete the Lawson scoring.

The summary: R H E Lawson 000 030 0-3 8 3 ITD No. 2 000 000 0-0 6 5 Batteries: Lucas and Windus, Goggins, Gomez and Medo.

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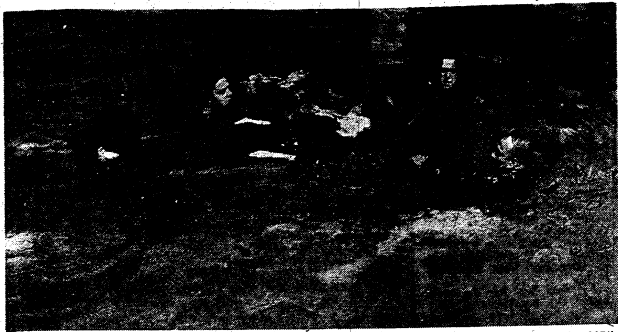
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SWIMMING GOES TO WAR for women too! Here in The Bayonet photo four members of the 307th General Hospital Unit are shown "evacuating a casualty" on a litter in a simulated water problem. The nurses and feminine Red Cross workers assigned to the 307th General Hospital Unit are the first to undergo the intensified water safety program which now is listed as a "must" for units in training for Asiatic duty. Harry Lyons, Red Cross water safety director, has been conducting the pre-Pacific training program at Russ Pool for officers of the 307th the past two weeks and will give a similar course for enlisted personnel of the hospital unit in Sand Hill pool next week.

Included in the water safety program, the nurses were taught how to dive into flaming oil-smearing water, how to swim through a water surface oil fire, how to improve life-buys from devices, swimming 50 feet or more with full uniform and equipment and other types of water safety devices. (Signal Lab Photo.)

School Troops Blank Tigers

The School Troops Vets chalked up their eighth win in nine starts Sunday when they downed the Phenix City Tigers 7-0 behind the five-hit pitching of Tyler, Joe Giglio went the route for the losers.

After a scoreless first inning, the Vets pushed two tallies over the plate in the second, added three more in the fourth and ended their scoring for the day with a two-run outburst in the fifth.

PARENT STARS

Tony Parento, with three hits in four trips, and "Gee" Gekoski, with two for two, led the winners' batting attack. Jack Holland, Vets' left-fielder, provided the fielding gem when he nabbed Lewis' long-drive in the sixth.

The summary: R. H. E. Phenix City 020 320 000—7 12 3 Batteries: Tyler and Gekoski. Giglio and Griggs.

Company E Tops Prof Softball Loop

The end of the first week of intramural softball competition in the Academic Regiment, The Infantry School, finds E Company, 1944 champions, leading the five-team loop with two wins in as many starts.

The E-men edged out A Company, 3 to 2, last Wednesday night in a tight pitchers' duel in which Herb Nordyke's deceptive delivery proved a shade better than the new Medicine Hat ace, Bud Nordyke, who pitched for the A's.

Thursday night Harry Moore hurled E Company to a 12-4 win over Company D.

Other results of the week were: Company A—4, B—0; D—4, C—2; C—17, B—6.

Grenier Hurls Profs To Win

EPTS—GRENIER 2-34 With "Frenchie" Grenier hurling three-hit ball, the Academic Regiment Profs downed the 3d PTR Reds, 4-0, at Golden Park Wednesday night.

The Profs came up with three runs in the third inning. After one run crossed the plate on an error, Eddie Benicena singled, chasing two other counters over the plate. The Profs completed their scoring in the fifth.

The Reds, dropping their fifth straight game, never threatened.

Chile was discovered by Diego de Almagro in 1535.

Cosmotology Instructor As Civilian Has Learned Valuable Lessons In WAC

Sgt. Lois Clark Laughlan, who was a cosmotology instructor in civilian life in Portland, Ore., says that her most valuable lesson in living has been learned in the Women's Army Corps.

"Since I've been in the services I've really discovered how to get along with people," says Sergeant Laughlan, who has been with WAC Detachment 2, The Infantry School, since October, 1943. "Army life has taught me how to cooperate with others. Looking back I realize I was too 'independent' as a civilian. As a WAC I've learned that you've got to mix more with people and think of the rights of others."

BETTER CIVILIAN After the war, Lois says, she's sure she'll be a better citizen and instructor as a result. A state-licensed teacher, she was on the faculty of the Portland Western Beauty College for three years before her enlistment in June, 1943.

"Cosmotology is a stiff, semi-professional course," Laughlan explains. "First we gave our classes a good background in sanitation, hygiene and anatomy. Then we taught the correct use of hair dyes, how to give permanent waves, facials and manicures, winding up the nine months' course with instruction in business methods."

STUDIED AT NIGHT During each school year Sergeant Laughlan, then "Miss Clark," taught anywhere from 200 to 300 students. At night she herself went back to school, taking courses in business administration. Before studying cosmotology she attended the Central College of Education in Cheney, Wash.

In her present job with Uncle Sam's forces Sergeant Laughlan is in charge of the life room at headquarters of the Academic Regiment, The Infantry School. Using the Dewey decimal system which she learned at Army Administration School in Conway, Ark., she supervises the filing of military correspondence, and the mimeographing and distribution of copies needed by regimental units and sections.

Sniper Softballers Face Opelika Team

The Infantry Training Detachment No. 4 Snipers, of The Infantry School, strong contenders for the Post softball championship, get their first test of their barnstorming schedule when they clash with the strong Pepperill Mills ten Thursday in Opelika. Little is known about the Opelika other than that they are expected to give the Snipers a lively evening.

Other games with civilian teams of Georgia and Alabama are in prospect, according to Lt. George Hecht, Detachment A & R officer.

A game with Bechtel-McCone Aircraft in Birmingham is being arranged. The Birmingham team, city champions last season and runners-up for the State championship, are expected to be one of the toughest teams the Snipers will face this season.

R. H. E. Phenix City 020 320 000—7 12 3 Batteries: Tyler and Gekoski. Giglio and Griggs.

Dewey Wilkins Fans 11 Tigers

With Dewey Wilkins allowing but two hits and fanning 11 and Eddie Benicena getting three hits in four trips and driving in three runs, the Academic Regt. Profs beat the Phenix City Tigers, 6-1, Tuesday night at Gowdy Field.

Wilkins was pitching no-hit, no-run ball until the seventh when the Tigers combined two singles and a walk for their only run. The run, and pretty close second, came in the eighth when the Tigers scored in 27 innings.

Benicena chased two runners over the plate in the first inning, and the Profs went on to add single runs in the third, fourth, seventh and eighth frames. Stan Zaslav made a clean theft of home in the fourth.

The summary: R. H. E. Acad. Regt. 200 110 11x—6 10 2 Phenix City 000 000—1 2 4 Batteries: Wilkins and Wargo. Gekoski and E. Carmack, and Griggs.

WAC Detachment No. 2 Takes Lead

The main post Profettes of the Infantry School, WAC Detachment No. 2, moved into first place in the Fort Benning WAC Softball League when they edged out the WAC-academics of School Detachment No. 1, 8 to 7, on the losers home diamond Tuesday night.

The score was 7-all with two outs in the second half frame. Profette shortstop, Chris Mensing, Profette shortstop, smacked a hard single to drive in hurler Francis Trueblood with the deciding tally.

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Troopers Down 3rd PTR, 8 to 4

The Parachute School took a firmer hold on third place in the Infantry School League when they downed the 3d PTR Reds, 8-4, Tuesday afternoon at Gowdy Field. The game was originally scheduled for next week but was moved ahead as part of the Parachute School anniversary program.

The Troops pushed across a single run in the second inning, only to have the Reds even the count in the last of the third.

"Brownie" Blazak's double with the bases loaded in the top of the fourth gave the Troopers three more runs.

Single runs were added in the fifth, seventh, eighth and ninth frames.

The Reds, rallied twice in the last of the seventh, off Al Tate, who fanned five batters while hurling the last three frames.

John Wolfe led the winners' batting attack with three singles in four trips and Ivey and Wisniewski each collected two for the losing Reds.

In contests for players of both teams, which were run off before the game, George Hudson won the fargo hitting prize; Ivey and Tate tied for the fastest time circling the bases, and Nemeth won.

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TIS Teams Win Openers In WAC Softball League

The Post WAC Softball League season got under way last week with The Infantry School WAC Detachments One and Two winning the opening games.

The Harmony Church WAC-academics defeated the Parachute School Troopers 9 to 3 in the Harmon Church area on Monday night. The Main Post Profettes decisively spanked the station Complement ASF WACs 19 to 5 on the winner's diamond Tuesday evening.

THE WAC-academics loaded the bases in the first and second inning but were run down by the Troopers by the sensational fielding of Troopette Frances Tinsley. But starting in the third inning the winners scored regularly, the Troopers threatening only in the fifth, when they scored their three runs.

PAYNE HOMERS Alice Payne, WAC-academy catcher, hit a home run, Katherine Wilds, pitching for the winners, allowed only four hits. The WAC-academics hit hurlers Beulah Hummel and Adele Ford for seven safeties.

Highpoint of the Profet-ASF contest came in the fourth when pitcher Frances Trueblood and shortstop Chris Mensing beat the bases loaded to account for eight of the Profettes' 19 tallies. In the same stanza the winners crushed an ASF rally with a double play featuring Adele Ford and second, to Olga Pikow at first.

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Wives Warned Not To Use 'Free' Mailing Privilege

Warning that the "Free" mailing privilege does not extend to wives and families of members of the Armed Forces was issued today by Capt. William H. O'Connell, post postal officer for later violation of the privileges had been detected recently by the U. S. Post Office Department.

"There have been numerous occasions during the past month when letters and post cards have been mailed by wives of members of the armed forces, using the franking privileges of the men themselves," Capt. O'Connell said.

"Instructions are that the 'Free' mailing privilege applies only to personal letter mail in its usual and generally accepted form, including messages on post cards, sent by members of our armed forces."

"The 'Free' mailing privilege does not include mailing of newspapers, regardless of how they are prepared. The mailing of newspaper clippings is permissible provided they are attached to the letter in which enclosed."

"It is required that the name of the sender, his rank or rating, serial number, designation of the service to which he belongs and the word 'Free' be in the handwriting of the sender on the envelope or card in order to be accepted for postage. The approved address of the sender should be included in the return card."

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The Purple Heart, awarded to Sergeant Roy A. Bourdeau, Private First Class Robert T. Johnson, and Private Phenis Settlemyre, above presenting the award to the nine officers and enlisted men. General Gaither stepped into position beside Private Settlemyre and received the Bronze Star Medal from General Weems.

General Gaither won the Bronze Star on his 13th jump and his first combat jump. The citation read: "For heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March, 1945. As commander of the Parachute School, Brigadier General Gaither participated in an airborne operation against the enemy so as to be better able to train paratroopers and to command the Parachute School. Not content to remain an observer, he jumped into combat with the leading elements and conducted a heroic action in the most intense fighting of the entire operation. After the initial objectives were taken, he aided in the capture of the enemy and in the transfer of approximately 3,000 prisoners of war. His conduct was clearly above and beyond the call of duty and in accordance with the highest standards of military service."

Speaking to the troops under his command, General Gaither made tribute to the Parachute Infantry, Parachute Artillery, Parachute Engineers and the Parachute Medical Service. He said: "I am proud to be with you in this great hour of our country's history. You are the vanguard of our military forces, and you are the most aggressive of our troops in the world."

Negro Paratroopers Trained At School Service Company of The Parachute School has been functioning for almost a year as a training center for Negro paratroopers, and Negro paratrooper demolitionists, riggers and communications men.

The troops are being trained to win the coveted "Boots and Wings" were graduated. Service company was being used as a guard unit, posting sentinels around the various installations of the Parachute School.

First Lieutenant Philip L. Cavanaugh is the Company Commander and First Lieutenant Sanders is the Executive Officer. Sergeant John W. Wilson is the First Sergeant.

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5 Officers Will Form New Red Cross Advisory Group Five officers have been appointed to a Red Cross Advisory Committee to confer monthly with the field director concerning improvement of Red Cross service at Fort Benning.

The five appointed to the committee by Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson include Col. Carter Collins of Army Service Forces, chairman; Lt. Col. Robert H. Monroe, Lawson Field; Major John A. MacFarlan, The Infantry School; Maj. James E. Hott of The Parachute School; and Maj. Neil R. Maxey of Second Army.

The advisory committee was appointed at the request of Murray Hill, field director of Fort Benning Red Cross Chapter, with the advice and consent of the major unit commanders of the garrison.

387th Ordnance Promotes 24 Men Twenty-four members of the 387th Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company, Second Army, were promoted to higher grades, it was announced today by Lt. Powell Whitefield, adjutant of the 17th Ordnance Battalion.

Clyde M. Hill, Bernard Frerichs, Mervyn H. Jones, Jr., William T. Johnson, Joseph F. Rife and Henry J. S. Linton, Jr., were promoted to the rank of sergeant. The others were promoted to the rank of corporal. The promotions were effective as of 1 May.

TIS Veteran Retires After 26 Years Here After 26 years' service at The Infantry School, Tech Sgt. George Sikorsky, combat veteran of the first World War, said good-bye to his friends in the Academic Regiment this week and went home to Shenandoah, Pa., on retirement from the Infantry School. He served with the machine gun group as an assistant instructor before his recent assignment as a carpenter in The Infantry School Property Office.

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The Parachute School Celebrates Third Anniversary

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ARTILLERY JUMP—Above photo shows an Artillery section jumping with equipment over Alabama Area. Artillery jumps are under the supervision of the Advanced Training Division which trains qualified paratroopers in Advanced Infantry and Artillery tactics. (Parachute School Photo.)

Hurling Fury At Enemy!

TROOPERS SPEARHEADED INVASIONS WORLD OVER

Schooled at Fort Benning's Parachute School, the most unique training ground in the world, United States Army paratroopers have taken part in almost every large offensive action of this war, terrifying Jap and German alike with the suddenness of their action. Across the blazoned pages of this war's history are written the names of men who have trained at The Parachute School to fight a new type of war, a war which comes down from the sky to hurl its fury at the heart of the enemy.

Behind the successful invasions by amphibious and land forces lie stories of stealth and heroism, of boldness and intrepidity, of nerve and courage, which paratroopers mastered, that they might infiltrate the enemy's lines and thus make Allied frontal assaults more successful.

In the space of three years since the Parachute School was established, American paratroopers have been trained in this new type of warfare and have answered their country's call by carrying the war to the enemy wherever and whenever he could be found. From The Parachute School have come men who first carried the war to the enemy in Africa, in Europe, and in the Pacific.

Paratroopers' activities have gained momentum and importance with each new action to a point where the enemy stands poised with fear, awaiting mammoth invasions of his homeland. At first, their actions were relatively unimportant and inconspicuous. Today, an offensive which is to be successful on a grandiose scale must contain carefully planned, meticulously timed executions of parachute tactics. Troopers must inevitably spearhead the attack!

TUNISIA
The first invasion in which troops from The Parachute School were used gave the Allies their springboard to Italy. During the African invasion, troops landed with the invading troops and were first reported in action against the enemy on November 18, 1943, when they were reported to be entering Tunisia. This was the first offensive of the war in which paratroopers from Fort Benning took part.

In operations across the Mediterranean, in 1943, Benning trained troops were given the most important mission, that of combining operations with the British troops for the invasion of Sicily. In the now historic invasion, masses of troops landed on the night of July 9, 1943, at Gela in the mountainous regions of Sicily and fought their way across the island to Trapani and Palermo.

LAE-SALAMAU
General MacArthur made use of troops for the first time in the Pacific ten days before the invasion of Italy began. On September 5, 1943, the day after the amphibious Australian troops had landed at Huon Gulf, scene of heartbreaking long days of jungle fighting to rid the Lae-Salamau section of Nips, American paratroopers landed in the Markham Valley, captured an airfield, cut supply lines of retreating Japs and thus bottled up the enemy in a sudden move, shortening the length of time for the eventual conquest of that sector.

The first trooper to set foot in Mussolini's Italy were paratroopers who had received their training at Fort Benning. On the 15th of September, 1943, ten days after some of their parachute school classmates had first entered combat on the other side of the world, some of the same troopers who had so successfully taken part in the conquest of Sicily dropped from the skies at Salerno, south of Naples, established landing points from amphibious troops, and later fought their way foot by foot up the mainland toward Rome.

SALERNO, ANZIO
Rhine delta, other paratroopers reinforced the infantry and amphibious troops who made so determined a stand at Anzio. Landing by barge at the famous beachhead men who had been trained to jump into combat at The Parachute School became just plain infantrymen and displayed a courage and toughness which singled them out for praise.

Once more, as the war progressed in the Pacific, paratroopers played an important part in the offensive. This time they landed just off the coast of Dutch New Guinea, Noemfoor Island, July 2, 1944, moving closer to the Philippines than any other outfit at that time.

On D-Day, June 6, 1944, the skies over France were clouded with paratroopers, as men trained at The Parachute School became the first troops to open the offensive, clearing the way for the largest amphibious force in the history of warfare.

SOUTHERN FRANCE
On August 15, 1944, another airborne invasion took place, this time in Southern France—an invasion which opened the way for General Patch's Seventh Army advance to Lyon and beyond. Landing between Marseilles and Nice, the troopers cut enemy communications and raised havoc.

The formation of an entire airborne army was the ultimate in modern warfare. For the invasion of the Netherlands, Lieutenant General L. H. Breton [sic] was placed in command of an entire army which could be supplied and transported by air, entirely sufficient within itself for an invasion operation. In the broad daylight of September 17, 1944, General Breton's First Allied Airborne Army jumped from the skies over Holland in so sudden a move that the Luftwaffe was caught off guard and offered no resistance. At Nijmegen, Eindhoven, Nijmegen, the entire Rhine delta, six miles from Germany itself, was soon packed with troopers and airborne troops of the First Allied Army in a move which dwarfed the German airborne invasion of Crete and Allied airborne operations in ACROSS RHINE.

Once more, during troopers garnered the headlines by their heroism. Striking with a furious suddenness, they dashed across the Rhine River and tore loose the wires with which the retreating Germans had mined the Nijmegen Bridge, enabling the Second Army's Armored columns to advance toward Arnhem in an attempt to save the beleaguered British troops at the Arnhem bridge.

The crowning achievement in the European war came in March 1945, when the Germans fell behind their traditionally defensive barrier—the Rhine River—paratroopers of the 17th Airborne Division jumped the enemy's lines and helped in the historic crossing.

Perhaps the most heartening news in the war against Japan came last February with the announcement that the 11th Airborne Division was aiding in the reconquest of the Philippines. The 11th jumped in Luzon and attacked Manila from the south, putting the old squeeze play on that city.

CORREGIDOR
The 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment on 17th February 1945 descended on Corregidor, and attacked enemy positions from the rear. Of all the jumps in this war the Corregidor jump probably was the most difficult. The minuteness of the island plus the high rising cliffs made landings very hazardous. Many troopers landed in the sea, but many more hit the objective and went to work with the efficient expediency that has brought fame to American paratroopers. To this regiment was given the privilege of planting Old Glory again on

Internationally famous as the model paratroop training center, The Parachute School came into being at Fort Benning three years ago Tuesday, May 15, 1942. From this Army Ground Forces installation have come the trim, aggressive, hardened young soldiers that cross barricades on bridges of silk to carry the fight to the enemy's rear and hit him where it hurts the most.

Although the activation date did not mark the exact start of paratroop training, it did signal an intensifying of the program and an innovation in warfare that may have been seen as a vital trend as far back as 1918.

Late that year General John J. Pershing, at the personal urging of the late General Billy Mitchell, withdrew a portion of the heroic 1st Infantry Division from the front lines in France and turned them over to General Mitchell for parachute training in the fields of France. Sudden ending of the World War, however, speedily obviated the need then for paratroopers.

PART OF IT
Early during the current war, America's paratroop needs were clearly emblazoned across the skies by the temporary successes of Germany. Where previously only tentative units were in operation in this country, on July 10, 1941, immediate training of paratroopers was made a responsibility of The Infantry School.

The Infantry School established a parachute section comprising 56 officers and enlisted men. Following the activation in May, 1942, of The Parachute School, the former Parachute Section of The Infantry School was used as a nucleus. Personnel of the school originally total 82 officers and 141 enlisted men.

4-WEEKS TRAINING
Through the following years the school was further expanded and the training methods patterned to combat experiences. The original six weeks paratrooper training period was reduced to four weeks, now regarded as the minimum practical time for proper training.

The Parachute School is composed of four regiments, the first, second and third Parachute Training Regiment and the Fourth Infantry Regiment. The first and third regiments train men assigned as paratroopers, the second regiment prepares qualified paratroopers as replacements for parachute regiments, and the Fourth Infantry Regiment trains men as infantry soldiers.

TWO MAIN PHASES
The academic training phase is broken down into basic parachute training and advanced combat training. The latter phase includes successive periods of tactical application of training, under simulated combat conditions. Specialist courses include training in Communications, Demolition, Rigging and Machine Maintenance. Only qualified jumpers may apply, and only the better men from each qualifying class are selected to receive this instruction.

Of such world wide renown is The Parachute School that selected officers from Allied armies have been trained as paratroopers at Fort Benning's school in order to initiate or improve training in their own armies. Countries which have sent representatives to The Parachute School include Great Britain, Canada, Venezuela, Brazil, Colombia and Cuba. In addition, officers of the United States Navy and Marine Corps have taken the school's course.



108 JUMPS!—Staff Sergeant Stanley Grodzicki hooks up to make his 108th jump. An instructor in "D" stage, Sergeant Grodzicki says, "The first hundred jumps are the hardest." He should know! (Parachute School Photo)

Advanced Training Division Gives Troopers Final Punch

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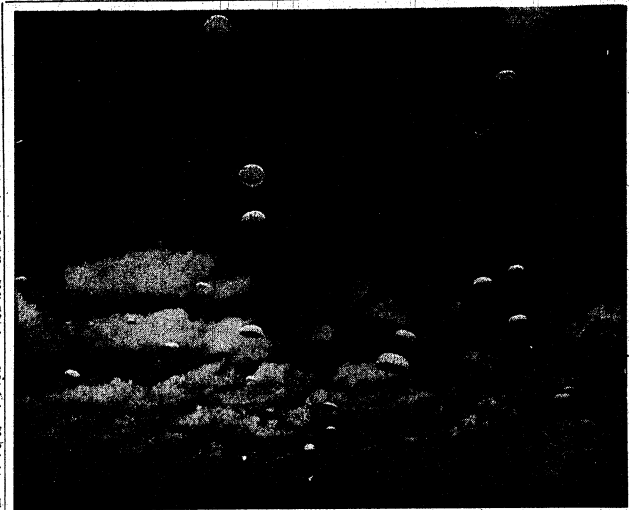
In the rugged Alabama terrain paratroopers receive thorough training in modern warfare, coincident with their branch of service. The men are quartered in the Second Parachute Training Regiment during this phase of training, which lasts from two to four weeks.

Infantry paratroopers receive two weeks of advanced infantry parachute training along with medicals who receive the same training plus an additional week of medical parachute training. Engineers also receive the two-week infantry course and an additional week of engineer parachute training.

Artillerymen are required to take four weeks of artillery parachute training. When the training is finished each man who has satisfactorily completed the course of his training is assigned to one of the regiments of the Advanced Training Division of The Parachute School in the Alabama Area immediately after qualifying.

Corregidor, at which time General MacArthur said: "Raise our colors, and don't ever let any enemy pull them down."

V-E Day is now a reality. America is turning its might to the Pacific and the total defeat of Japan. No estimate of America's might would be complete without reckoning with the American paratroopers. They have grown in size and stature in three years to dynamic proportions. American paratroopers will spearhead the attack against Japan, just as they have spearheaded the attack against Germany. Someday soon that spearhead will find its mark and come to rest in the heart of Nippon.



DOWN FROM THE SKY—These men will be qualified paratroopers when they reach the ground. They are making their fifth and last jump which wins them the right to wear the Wings of an American Paratrooper. Thousands of them have been trained here in the past three years. (Parachute School Photo.)

Down From the Sky!

PARACHUTES DEVELOPED INTO WEAPONS OF WAR

Soldiers of the sky, who have been thoroughly trained at The Parachute School at Fort Benning have made military history during the last three years in our campaigns abroad. They have spearheaded invasion forces, landed behind the lines to destroy communications and silenced anti-aircraft batteries, laid mines, disrupted enemy positions and captured airfields. They have penetrated into the very heart of enemy territory to gather vital data. They have landed on the enemy, a mighty fighting force, equipped with rapid fire weapons and abetted by the greatest advantage an army can have—surprise. They have landed in places formerly considered impenetrable—on mountain peaks and in deep abysses. They have always proved tough, swift, deadly. They are the winged soldiers of our infantry—decisive factors in setting the Allied avalanche of victory into motion.

Perhaps no military development in this war has proved so revolutionary as the use of paratroopers. Positions formerly considered impregnable are now militarily accessible. Geography and man-made fortifications no longer offer the enemy permanent protection. Paratroopers can reach any area swiftly, striking hard and decisively at a surprised and bewildered enemy.

Though it took the present global war to give birth to this new army of the air, the parachute is no recent discovery. It is well known that as far back as the 16th century, that fabulous genius, Leonardo da Vinci, (who was the first to dream of the day when men could fly) made sketches of a workable parachute; it was tent-shaped and the sketch was accompanied by specific explanations of how it could operate.

DOG MADE FIRST JUMP
It was in another country and in a later century—in France during the late 1700's—that the parachute was first used. In 1783, the Montgolfier brothers perfected the balloon, the first vehicle to carry man through the air. It was in connection with the balloon that the parachute was first used. In 1785, J. P. Blanchard attached a parachute to a dog which he dropped from a balloon. The dog landed safely. It took more than a decade for a man to venture such a jump. On October 22, 1797, before a spellbound public below, Andrew Jacques Garnerin descended two thousand feet from a balloon, carried to safety by his parachute. Thus Garnerin's name is engraved in aerial history as the first man to make a parachute jump.

At first, the parachute had three different functions. It was found serviceable as a means of escape from burning towers. It was carried by balloons in the event of sudden accident. But its principal role for many years was not functional but entertaining. It was used to excite and thrill an adventure loving public. The parachute was a staple of most county fairs and carnivals where the day would be incomplete without the feat of a parachute jumper. Frequently, these parachutists would further thrill their public by doing stunts while coming down to earth. One of the most famous of these professional chutists was Garnerin himself.

It was not until the birth and development of the airplane that the parachute outgrew its status as a stunt. (Continued on Page 10)

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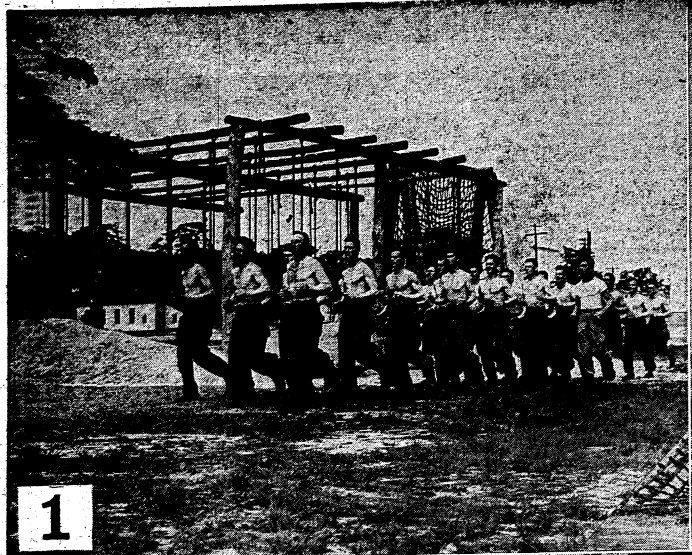
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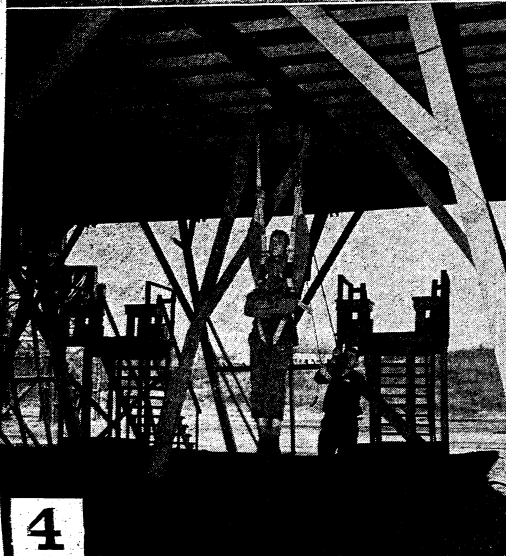
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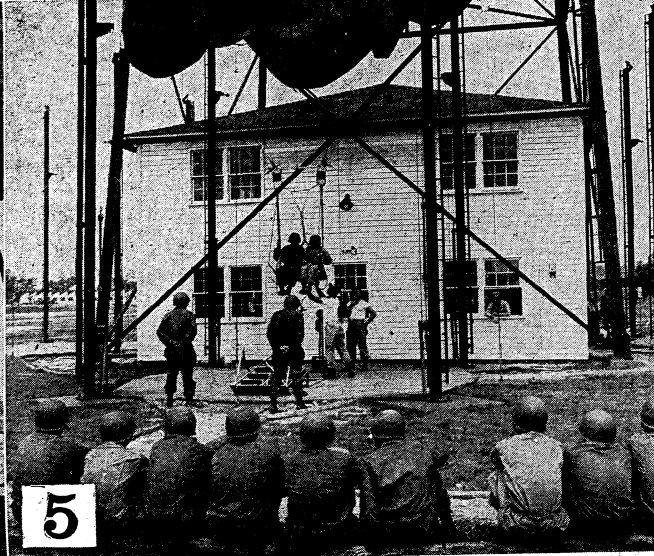
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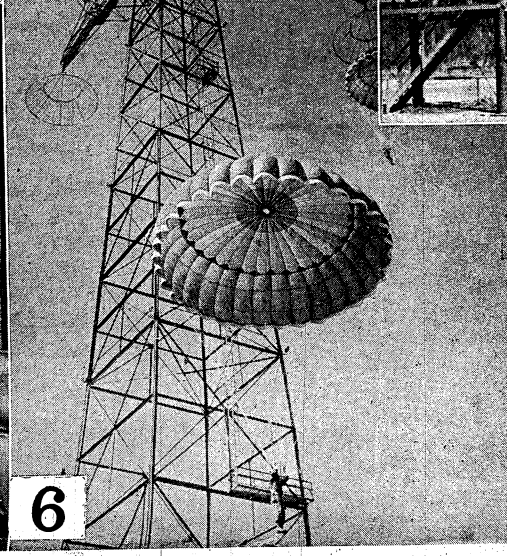
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PARACHUTE DEVELOPED INTO WEAPON OF WAR

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as a circus attraction. It is not clear who was the first to jump from a plane by parachute, but the honor is generally accredited to an American, Captain Albert Perry. The year was 1912. He jumped 2,500 feet over an Army Air Base in St. Louis, and—give dramatic point to his feat—delivered a message to the Commanding Officer of the Post.

During the first World War, the parachute was used exclusively as a safety device for pilots of airplanes, balloons and dirigibles. No one yet had the daring or vision to see it as the wings of a new kind of army. But, after the war came the prodigious development of the airplane, and with it the perfection of the modern parachute.

The development of the parachute was dramatized at McCook Field on October 20, 1922. Lt. Harold R. Harris was sent up to test a Loening monoplane. The plane went into a nosedive and when he lost control, Harris, who

had never before used a parachute, baled out. Desperately he pulled the ripcord, but the chute would not open. Again he pulled, again without success. Suddenly—as he saw the ground rush toward him—he remembered that he was pulling the wrong cord. He reached for the right one and pulled. The chute opened as Lt. Harris was no more than 500 feet from the ground. Yet, it carried Harris safely to the ground.

This was the first emergency jump from a heavier-than-air machine—and, under the most difficult conditions, it proved its importance. There could no longer be any question of the parachute's efficiency, or the permanent place it had won in aviation.

Gradually the realization came to far-sighted military men of its potential power. Why not an army of the air, jumping into enemy territory?

In October, 1928, General William Mitchell—our own unappreciated prophet of modern airpower—first conceived the idea of paratroops. From a Martin bomber over Kelly Field, Texas, he had six American paratroopers drop to the ground; within three minutes, the men had reassembled, set up their guns, and were ready for action. Unfortunately, other military men dismissed this as a

stunt and shelved it. But the germ of an idea was born, and it would not die.

It refused to die in the Soviet Union where parachuting was becoming a national sport for young and old. In August, 1930, paratroops were used at the Army maneuvers at Vornonzh, with such impressive results that it was repeated in Moscow one month later. By 1936, Russia had a sizeable parachute army. At one maneuver, near Moscow, 5,200 men were dropped from the skies with full fighting equipment. Russia knew that the airborne army was a powerful fighting weapon in the war of the future, and it henceforth exerted Herculean effort in developing men for this branch of the service.

Another country also watched this development with keen interest. In Germany, the Nazis were secretly planning the conquest of the world through the creation of the greatest war machine in history. The value of paratroops in a war of movement, seemed too obvious to be dismissed. In 1933, Goering organized the first parachute battalion in Nazi Germany.

The cream of the youth was drawn for this service; they were trained long and hard, and they were finally developed into one of the most powerful fighting forces in the world.

In 1938, the Nazi legions began their march to world conquest. The smoldering embers of war erupted into a mighty flame which sent almost all of Europe into conflagration. One by one, new techniques came to stifle and terrify the world. One by one, these new techniques proved to be instruments of military power which annihilated everything that came in its path.

With the outbreak of hostilities between the Soviet Union and Finland in 1939, Russian paratroopers, clad in white, were dropped behind Finnish lines. This was the first test met by a parachute army, and it was met successfully. But the Nazis were to make an ever more eloquent use of an air army. The 1940 "Blitz" which laid low Belgium, Holland, and France was preluded by invasion from the skies. Nazi paratroopers captured airports, broke communications lines, organized powerful fifth-column troops, terrified citizens. In England—torn by fear of an imminent invasion by the Nazis—the people began to study the skies anxiously; in towns and villages the hunt began for possible enemy paratroopers. Once again, in May, 1941, paratroopers proved their value—this time with the Nazi occupation of Crete by air.

Nor were the Nazis alone in their use of airborne troops. Japan attacked Java early in 1942 with a large airborne army which came and conquered. In May, 1942, England successfully occupied the island of Madagascar with similar troops.

No longer was there need to plead the use of airborne troops. Modern warfare had proved, emphatically and unmistakably, that this was one of the revolutionary

In the above picture story THE BAYONET hopes to convey an idea of the rough and tough training given Paratroopers here at Fort Benning in the Parachute School. In photo No. 1 a platoon in "A" Stage is shown double-timing to develop wind and stamina. Photo No. 2 shows a squad climbing a cargo net. This "A" Stage exercise is designed to develop leg and arm muscles and to physically condition the men for the rigorous training ahead. The 35-foot mock jump towers in "B" Stage in photo No. 3 are for the purpose of familiarizing potential Troopers with the sensation of height and the opening shock of the parachute. Photo No. 4 shows the "B" Stage landing trainer devised for the purpose of teaching the student paratrooper the correct landing position. The "Buddy Seat" in photo No. 5 accustoms "C" Stage students to the speed of descent and photo No. 6 illustrates the proper method of making a free jump from the 250-foot towers in "C" Stage. "D" Stage photos appear on opposite page. (Official Parachute School photographs by Staff Sergeant Harley D. Ferguson.)

tactics of modern warfare. The war had not grown very old before America, too, began to take heed of the new development. In May, 1940, the first experimental platoon was organized at Fort Benning, consisting of two officers and 48 enlisted men. Several months of intensive training followed, and the platoon proved its worth.

On October 3, 1940, an official order created the first United States Army Parachute Battalion. A call went sent out throughout the country for volunteers into this new branch of service. From that moment on, began an intensive program of training paratroopers at The Parachute School at Fort Benning—and with it a new army came into being.

From then on, the gigantic operations of the United Nations which, at first, turned the tide of the war to our side, and then swept that tide across the face of the earth, to submerge our enemy on all fronts, was highlighted by the supply and brilliant use of parachute troops. North Africa, Sicily, Italy, D-Day in France, Southern France, and the Battle of Germany—each of these different invasions and campaigns, was prefaced by operations of troops which had been sent into the heart of the enemy territory from the skies.

SUPPLIED BY AIR

Meanwhile, another kind of army was rising throughout of enslaved Europe, an army of the people who had been decimated by the Nazis, but who were determined to die for their freedom. The Yugoslav Partisans, the French Maquis, the Polish underground—this was a large potential army of resistance which the enemy was nursing in its bosom and which could, if properly directed, stab the enemy right at the very heart. What this potential army needed was arms, more arms, and the guidance of expert military men. In other words, access to these armies of the interior would have been impossible. But, the parachute army had perfected its own techniques. From the air, therefore, came a steady flow of supplies, and military advisors, into the mountain camps of Europe's growing armies of resistance. Enslaved Europe was rising out of its chains, chains loosened and broken by

Paratroop Officer Returns After 2 Yrs. in Aufzug 64

Paratrooper 2nd Lieutenant Donald M. Chappel, Jr., recently to his Columbus home, and visited the Parachute School, after two years of fighting the Nazis and seven and a half months of being their prisoner.

A picture of health and physical fitness, Lieutenant Chappel apparently is fully recovered from the strenuous ordeal of life in Aufzug 64, an officers' POW camp near Posen, Poland.

REACHED ODESSA

Released from the Nazi prison camp by a Russian tank column during the Red army drive through Poland in late January, Lieutenant Chappel found his way eastward, eventually arriving in Odesa, where he sailed for the States.

"Life in a Nazi prison camp was no harder than we expected," said Lieutenant Chappel. "I never had enough to eat and were always cold. I honestly believe many of us would have starved to death without the Red Cross packages. There was a seven week period when we didn't get any packages and some of the men lost thirty to forty pounds," continued the lieutenant. "I lost about fourteen pounds in the first two months and I don't know how much more, but I gained back my normal weight now."

JUMPED ON D-DAY

After fighting through the North African campaign and jump into the fight in Sicily, Lieutenant Chappel, jumped on Normandy D-Day and was captured on D-plus-1 by a Nazi patrol.

"Our captors marched us across France and put us aboard a train in Germany that took us to Aufzug 64," said the lieutenant. "Our guards were not physically abusive, with the exception of a few instances, and as for myself, I can't complain, but it wasn't any picnic."

Lieutenant Chappel is the husband of the former Frances Mendenhall, of 2800 10th Avenue, Columbus, and the son of Captain and Mrs. Donald M. Chappel, Sr., of Buffalo, N. Y. The lieutenant's father is a Chaplain with an artillery unit in Germany.

Lieutenant Chappel enlisted in the Air Corps a few days after Pearl Harbor, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry after graduating from Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning in October 1942, and qualified as a paratrooper at The Parachute School a month later.

The lieutenant will spend his 21-day leave with his wife in Columbus, and they will then go to Miami for two weeks at the ASF-AGF Redistribution Center.

FOUNTAIN PEN SCRATCHES

Pfc. Ervin Shultz, Fort Benning soldier, says that when he went to rent a house in Columbus he was asked whether he had any children, a piano, radio or phonograph that might be a noisemaker and so on. He finally said, "Well, I do have a fountain pen that scratches sometimes."

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branch of the service is considered qualified for overseas duty. He is eventually shipped and takes his place as a replacement in one of the many combat paratroop units winning victories in all parts of the globe.

ALEXANDER DIRECTS

The Advanced Training Division is under the direction of Lt. Col. Mark J. Alexander. The Assistant Director is Captain William Bennett and Operations Officer is Lt. W. E. Grant.

The Field Artillery Advisor is Major Lucian B. Cox. Engineer and Medical Advisor is Lt. James Dick. The Infantry Advisor is Captain Clyde R. Russell. Captain Russell is assisted by Lt. Clement H. Jacomini, Committee Chief of "E" Stage, and Captain Logan, Committee Chief of "F" Stage.

The United Nations' troops from the sky. At last came the official recognition of the major role that airborne troops were henceforth to play. In the summer of 1944, the War Department announced the creation of the First Airborne Army under General Brereton. It is the army which played an all-important role in the final smashing of Germany. It is the army of the future!

Meanwhile, another kind of army was rising throughout of enslaved Europe, an army of the people who had been decimated by the Nazis, but who were determined to die for their freedom. The Yugoslav Partisans, the French Maquis, the Polish underground—this was a large potential army of resistance which the enemy was nursing in its bosom and which could, if properly directed, stab the enemy right at the very heart. What this potential army needed was arms, more arms, and the guidance of expert military men. In other words, access to these armies of the interior would have been impossible. But, the parachute army had perfected its own techniques. From the air, therefore, came a steady flow of supplies, and military advisors, into the mountain camps of Europe's growing armies of resistance. Enslaved Europe was rising out of its chains, chains loosened and broken by

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TPS Sergeant Forsakes Movie Career for WAC

From the glamour of a movie set to duty in The Parachute School Women's Army Corps Detachment is the amazing history of Technician Third Grade Mary Collins.

Before entering the service, Sergeant Collins had an interesting and colorful career. She worked with the Signal Corps in the Budget and Fiscal Department in Washington. Her real talents leaned toward Hollywood, however, and in a short time she found her way there.

In civilian capacity with the Signal Corps Photo Center in Beverly Hills, she held down an advisory and administrative post in conjunction with the major Hollywood studios, assisting greatly in the production of all films in connection with the service.

"NEED SO URGENT" She gave all this up to join the WAC's, although her job was labeled "essential." I joined the WAC's because I thought I could do more for the war effort in the service," she said when interviewed on her entrance into the Army and because the need for women in uniform was so urgent.

When M-G-M began work on the recent WAC motion picture, "Keep Your Powder Dry," it was only natural that the studio should call for Sergeant Collins. Her real life so closely paralleled the real life portrayed on the screen by Lana Turner, that no other choice was possible.

PLAYED SMALL PART She played a small part in the film but it was her technical advice that contributed so greatly to the success of the picture. She was welcomed back to Camp Haan, Calif., from Hollywood in typical G. I. fashion. The next morning found Sergeant Collins, (then a private) on K. P., where there are no stand-ins, and the director is the sergeant.

At Camp Haan she was a clerk typist and starred on the WAC softball team. She was transferred to The Parachute School in December, 1944. She works in the Adjutant General's office, and holds down a hot corner for The Parachute School WAC softball team. She also sings with the canteen at The Parachute School Chapel every Sunday.

Gen. Hazlett's Congratulations Headquarters, Replacement and School Command Army Ground Forces, Birmingham, Ala. Dear General Gaither:

I wish to take this opportunity to express to you and all members of your command my sincere congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of the Third Anniversary of The Parachute School.

For three years now, the personnel of The Parachute School have been engaged in the training of a very special type of fighting man. The excellence of training has been clearly and definitely established by the conduct of school graduates on all battle fronts of this war. It is a certainty that when the history of this war is finally written, it is the accomplishment of your graduates will stand out through its pages among the important contributions to victory.

I regret very much that I will be unable to be present at the school on 15 May, 1945. Personally expressed my sincere admiration and congratulations to your command on its Third Anniversary.

Sincerely yours, HARRY F. HAZLETT, Major General, U. S. Army, Commanding.

TPS WACS Open 7th War Loan In Birmingham Fifty members of The Parachute School Women's Army Corps Detachment, returned to Birmingham, Alabama, last Sunday afternoon to participate in the opening of the 7th War Loan Drive.

In a parade at noon Monday, the WAC's were reviewed by Major General Harry F. Hazlett, Commanding General, Replacement and School Command. A large float featuring five WAC's rigging parachutes was one of the outstanding features of the review.

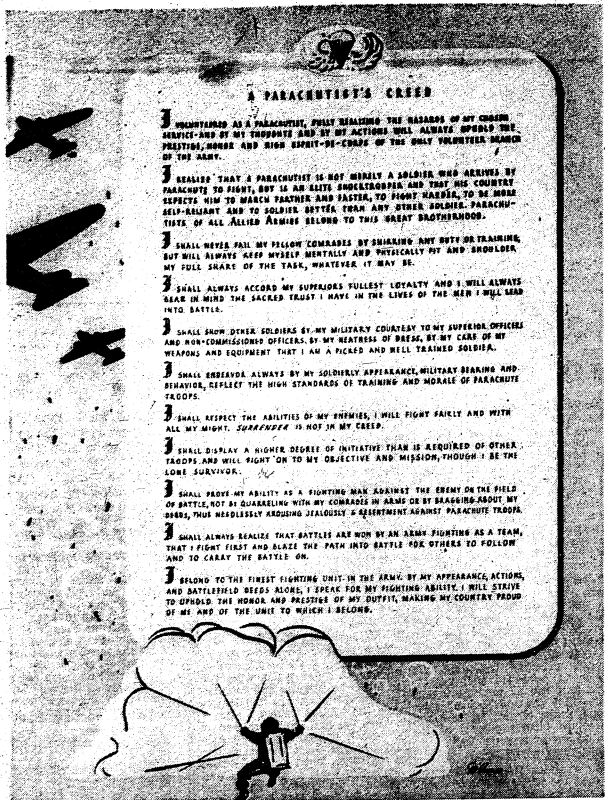
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Sgt. Benny Doss On Nationwide Radio Hookup

Benny Doss, radio's gift to The Parachute School, returned to the air lanes last Sunday afternoon over WDAK from 5 to 5:30 p. m. EWT, and on an NBC coast-to-coast broadcast from 11:30 to 12:00 midnight.

One of many of Benny's fans, it was said that as Texas Benny and his "Boys from the Mountains" revived some of the favorites that made such a tremendous success for Benny in the years before the war.

SPECIAL SERVICE Benny is now a member of the Special Service Office in The Parachute School, where his versatile talents are used to entertain and amuse Uncle Sam's paratroopers. One of the favorites of the paratroopers is "The Boys from the Mountains" act which was broadcast last Sunday, and is a creation of Benny's own master-showmanship. They are a genial crew consisting of five men, including Benny, Doss, Al McCoy, Johnny O'Brien, Otis (Slim) Ewers, and Harry (Jughead) Frank.

TPS REVUE Benny Doss and his "TPS Revue" is another innovation introduced by Benny in order to keep The Parachute School's morale at a pinnacle. The show has a booking that would be an answer to a vaudeville's prayer. Playing the many different areas of The Parachute School, it also finds time to visit the Post Hospital and do its bit for those hospitalized.

The new victory song you will soon be hearing and humming, "When We Set the Rising Sun," is another of the many songs written by Benny. He has written 200 songs, 50 of which have been published.

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WACS DO POSTAL WORK—Private First Class Alice Miller and Sergeant Minnie Hedgepeth, sorting room clerks in The Parachute School Post Office. (Parachute School Photo)

WACs Play Vital Role At School Post Office The Parachute School maintains, as the personnel of The Parachute School is transient, coming and going all the time, and most of the mail is addressed to The Parachute School, with no unit stated, hence all of this mail must be given directory service to ascertain the unit address.

The personnel of The Parachute School Post Office consists of Capt. John A. Kelly, 2nd Lieut. Marjorie J. Baker, and a force of 45 enlisted personnel, all employed at the Parachute School Post Office, and a force of approximately 110 unit mail clerks, who make the actual collection and delivery to the personnel of company and comparable units.

The work at The Parachute School Post Office is adapted to the abilities of members of the Women's Army Corps, and 25 WACs are permanently detailed for this work. They serve efficiently as typists, mail sorters, registry clerks, insured clerks, money order clerks and directory searchers. In addition, Unit No. 11, a branch of the Columbus, Ga., Postoffice operated by The Parachute School personnel transact a large postal business. Each of the units doing a business in 1944 of nearly \$250,000 in money orders and a postal business of \$1,000,000 in a large city.

ASSISTANT CLERKS The WACs have been appointed Assistant Clerks in the United States Postoffice Department and the insured mail is sent directly to The Parachute School, thereby eliminating the recording of insured mail at Fort Benning, Ga., Postoffice, which was made our first jump. Of the original 48 men that started, one man washed out, two quit, one proved unsatisfactory, and two were injured.

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Walker's Greetings

I am happy to send my greetings to The Parachute School, and General Gaither, its Commandant, on its Organization Day.

Here at Fort Benning I have renewed associations that began in Italy upon the battlefield.

I fully appreciate and understand the superior combat efficiency of the Parachute Infantry after seeing the magnificent training provided by The Parachute School.

FRED L. WALKER, Major General, U. S. Army, Commandant, The Infantry School.

Welfare And Recreation Plans Moral Activities

Under the all embracing title of Welfare and Recreation Office of the many-fold morale activities of The Parachute School. Charged with the administration of these many activities for the entire school is a staff of nine enlisted men and women and two commissioned officers.

Director of Welfare and Recreation activities is Major J. A. McDonald. He is assisted by Lt. C. Kurtz, Jr. Within the office under his direction are planned such varied morale activities as troop entertainment, morale, gasoline administration, soldier voting, War Insurance, extra-curricular charity drives, War Bond sales and budgets of non-appropriated funds.

Each of the activities comes under a separate heading and is administered by a non-commissioned officer.

DOSS AND KELLY Special Service is the joint responsibility of two khaki-clad troopers who earned their way and their fame before footlights in civilian life. Sgt. Benny Doss, magician, comedian, guitarist, singer and song-writer before induction, with a traveling show of his own, spends his days and nights producing entertainment for troops in training areas and in the hospitals.

Ably assisted by Sgt. Vera Kelly, formerly a USO entertainer and members of a father-mother-sister vaudeville team, Sergeant Doss has garnered talent from among the personnel at the school and Sergeant Kelly has appeared in regularly scheduled shows in all areas of the school, in the local theaters and in the USO's. A big part of his "Company" are the ever-cooperative units of the 222nd AGF Band, commanded by Warrant Officer (B) Benn.

Organized athletics is under the direct supervision of Staff Sergeant Alvin Tate, professional baseball player who, at the close of the war will return from the property of Uncle Sam to the property of the Chicago Cubs. Tate has organized a professional baseball team for the school.

With many of the winning teams in basketball and baseball. Added to this is the responsibility of procuring and allotting to the various units athletic equipment. An overseas returnee, he has personally supervised the issuing of basketball, volleyball, ping-pong, volleyball ball and boxing equipment to all of the units of The Parachute School.

Parachute Pioneer Recalls Test Platoon's Early Days The early days of the test platoon were described recently by Sgt. Richard J. Kelly of the First Academic Company. Sergeant Kelly was a member of the first test platoon and one of the first men in the United States Army to experiment with combat parachute jumping.

In July, 1940, when the call went out for volunteers for this new type of soldiering, Sergeant Kelly was a member of the 29th Infantry. Along with other volunteers he was the first to be accepted for parachute training and commanding officer of the test platoon.

PLENTY OF STAMINA Lieutenant Ryder made a speech the day we reported to him, said Sergeant Kelly in a recent interview. "He emphasized that the training would be harder than anything found in the Infantry; that it would take plenty of stamina to get through the course, but if we made it, we would be pioneers."

"We moved to Lawson Field and lived in tents. We took four weeks of physical training and learned the fundamentals of parachuting and jumping. Three corporals from the Air Force gave us instructions in packing. Our apparatus was pretty primitive in those days."

NO TOWERS THEN "We didn't have towers at Benning in those days, so we had to travel to Hightstown, N. J., to jump from towers. While we were there Admiral Byrd, now retired, lectured to us on the use of towers and jumping equipment. We made five jumps in one week. Only one man was hurt, and he was not seriously injured."

"We returned to Benning and spent two weeks learning to do the 'chutes. About August 3, 1940, we made our first jump. Of the original 48 men that started, one man washed out, two quit, one proved unsatisfactory, and two were injured."

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at the sky over Lawson Field and it was obvious he was thinking back to those early days. Perhaps he was thinking of the special jumps he made for Collier's and Life Magazines to publicize the test platoon, the jumps made in overalls and boots and sometimes in G. I. shoes. Perhaps he was thinking of the first jumps with equipment, including M-1, 0-3's, 60 mm. mortars, light machine guns, or ammunition.

"The grandest day of all," said Sergeant Kelly, "was the day the first of the 501st Parachute Infantry Battalion was adopted by the United States Army; that we had proved jumping was safe and practicable. They told us a battalion would be formed in the near future, built around the test platoon."

PLATOON BREAKS UP "As soon as the 501st was trained and organized, and parachute training was begun on a large scale, the test platoon began to slowly break up. Some went with the 501st to Panama, others with the 502nd to the 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment. A few were picked up by the outfits formed later. Most of them eventually went overseas and saw combat."

Not many of the original members of the test platoon are in The Parachute School today, only four besides Sergeant Kelly remain. They are: Mr. Grady A. Roberts, Warrant Officer of the Maintenance and Rigging; Sergeant John R. Harden, Maintenance; Sergeant Brown, "C" Stage Towers; and Corporal Kassel, packing section.



BRIG. GEN. RIDGELY GAITHER ... TPS Commandant
GENERAL GAITHER'S STATEMENT On this, our Third Anniversary, I wish to extend my cordial congratulations to the Officers and men of The Parachute School for their fine cooperation and excellent work in maintaining the high standards of training and discipline of the Parachute Troops.

Seven Belgian Journalists Visit Activities At TPS

Seven Belgian journalists, six of the 82nd Airborne Division who fought so magnificently last December during the battle of the Bulge, visited The Parachute School recently.

The Story of Bastogne thrilled the peoples of the United Nations, but the Battle of Bastogne saved many Belgian people from certain death. If the Nazis had been successful in their counter-attack and had over-run Belgium for the second time in this war, the men, women and children of the Belgian underground now would all be victims of Nazi firing squads, furnaces or concentration camps.

Gen. Weems' Congratulations Dear General Gaither: It is my high privilege to bring to you and the members of your command the warm greetings of The Infantry School on this, your third, Organization Day.

We know the vital role you have played in our war effort and that your Parachute School trained soldiers have fought with valor and with victory both in Europe and in Asia.

We in The Infantry School not only esteem your honors, but have somewhat the feeling of a father, inasmuch as the beginning of parachute training were at The Infantry School. We envisioned great things in parachute training, but you and your accomplishments have out-distanced even our visions.

Your older companion, The Infantry School, brings heartfelt greetings to you and all members of your command on this memorable occasion.

Sincerely, GEO. H. WEEMS, Brigadier General, U. S. Army, Assistant Commandant, TIS.

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TPS Makes Radio History With Night Jump On 'We the People'

For the first time in history of radio and The Parachute School a broadcast of a night jump and a pick-up of a Trooper's voice describing the sensation of hitting the silk was made Sunday night over WE THE PEOPLE's weekly air-wave show.

The last ten minutes of the 10:30 to 11:00 (ET) Sunday night show, beamed over WRBL locally and CBS on a coast-to-coast hook up, was devoted to a broadcasting of the details of a night parachute jump over the Cactus Hill area at Lawson Field.

Opening with an interview of Troopers who had jumped in combat, including a description by Brig. Gen. Ridgely Gaither, Commandant of The Parachute School, of his jump across the Rhine last March, WE THE PEOPLE switched the controls to their plane announcer who described the reactions of the men about to jump.

As soon as the men stepped out the door, the voice of one of the Troopers, Sgt. George G. Wall, instructor in the Communications School, floating to earth under a billowing nylon canopy, was picked up from his walkie-talkie and for the first time in radio history, in other audience heard a paratrooper describe what it is like to jump into the night and how he feels during the seconds that elapse between the plane door and the ground.

Switching the controls back to the ground announcer, WE THE PEOPLE then interviewed the jumpers immediately after they landed on the drop zone.

13 MILLION LISTENERS
Concluding their broadcast with good wishes for the Third Anniversary of the activation of The Parachute School, WE THE PEOPLE signed off after bringing two more radio firsts to their 13,000,000 listeners.

Also interviewed on the ground were: Captain James J. Smith, Jr., who jumped from the Long Island, N. Y., ship, the Italian, France and Holland; and Sergeant Jack Huggins, Booneville, Kentucky, a veteran of the Normandy spearhead jump.

SHORT INTERVIEWS
Paratroopers who jumped Sunday night and immediately assembled at WE THE PEOPLE'S microphone for short interviews, were: Lieutenant Eugene L. Dumont, Skowhegan, Maine; Staff Sergeant Stanley Grodz, Nanuet, New York; and William C. Wilson, Nashville, Tennessee; and Sergeants Michael Brilla, Phillipsburg, Pennsylvania; and Wolfe, Linden, Michigan; and Gerald O'Connor, Elmira, New York.

Staff Sgt. Paul L. Galley, former assistant regimental mess sergeant of the Academic Regiment, The Infantry School, has been wounded in the arm during the fighting in Germany. He expects to be returned to the States soon, according to a letter he has written from a hospital in England to Staff Sgt. Anthony Asaro of the Academic Regiment.

Former Prof Mess Sarge Is Wounded
Sergeant Galley left Fort Benning last July under the policy of troops rotation.

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TPS ON 'WE, THE PEOPLE'—During Sunday night's broadcast, heard by 13,000,000 CBS listeners from coast-to-coast, the above scenes took place. In the top picture is the ground portion of the show with Brig. Gen. Ridgely Gaither, TPS commandant, being interviewed by Lee Kirby from WBT in Charlotte, N. C. In the middle is Kirk Miles, producer of the show. The bottom picture shows the air portion of the show with Weldon Herrin, WRBL station manager in Columbus, describing the scene in a C-46 just before the paratroopers leap through the doors. (Official Parachute School Photos.)

Hobson Presents Charter To Boy Scout Troop 186

Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, Vice President of the Georgia-Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America and National Representative from this Council, presented Troop No. 186, Boy Scouts of America, what was perhaps the first charter to be presented to a Boy Scout Troop on a military installation during the war.

This presentation took place at the Reception Center Hospitality House Friday and was the occasion of a dinner given the post Scout officials, the troop committee, the troop scoutmasters, the members of Troop 186 and their families.

The dinner-program began with the singing of "America" and a prayer by Reception Center Chaplain Samuel A. Lewis. Chaplain Lewis presented Col. John P. Edgerly, Commanding Officer, Reception Center, who acknowledged the significance of the occasion and in turn presented General Hobson.

UNIQUE PLACE
General Hobson spoke briefly of the unique place of Troop No. 186 on this Army Post and of the great benefits to be derived from scouting. He emphasized the fact that scouting is a man-sized job. With visible pleasure and a hearty handclasp he presented the charter to Sgt. Walker E. Solomon, the scoutmaster, who accepted it in the spirit in which it was presented.

Chaplain Lewis also introduced Chap. Paul K. Buckles, Post Chaplain, who introduced Col. Alexander Vessey, who spoke of the value of scouting to the troops.

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TPS Sarge Stranded In Texas and Broke Helped By AAF
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The Avenger Field transportation office, giving ear to the Sergeant's tale of woe, promptly came through with a new ticket, and his government meal checks to insure his arrival in a well-fed condition.

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TPS I&E Office Performs Vital Role At School

While paratroopers are receiving the combat training that will prove so valuable in battle, The Parachute School Information and Education Office under the direction of Captain George A. Seliner is busy gathering the facts that will supply the answer to the inevitable question, "What am I fighting for?"

It has always been the policy of the United States Army that its fighting men be the best informed in the world. The I&E Office is making that policy a reality. Perhaps it is an Herculean task, nevertheless the I&E Office has attacked it with zeal and determination that is paying dividends.

MANY TECHNIQUES
There are many techniques used in educating a soldier and the I&E Office uses them all. The most important is the use of the radio. Sixty minutes spent in lectures, discussions and viewing movies of the various battlefronts. The Daily News Bulletin is also published by the I&E Office. Members of the staff gather the latest developments from the press and radio, and then compress these facts into short, clear facts. These sheets are then distributed throughout The Parachute School and posted on every company bulletin board. The I&E Office also suggests the best methods of orientation are also distributed by the I&E Office. The maps are posted on each company bulletin board and appropriately marked as the scene of battle shifts from day to day.

SERVES AS LIAISON
That is the primary purpose of the I&E Office and the one by which it is best known. However, which is another phase of its training, seldom brought to light. It is the education of the soldier, not just for war, but for his life after he returns to civilian life. In this respect the I&E Office is the liaison between the soldier and the United States Armed Forces Institute.

The United States Armed Forces Institute, called USAFI, was set in operation seventeen days after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Through the Institute all military personnel can carry on their education while serving their country. Every subject, whether academic or industrial, is included in its courses. The ambitious student can finish an education that somehow may have been missed in civilian life. The only charge to extend men is \$2.00. He we of \$2.00.

AWARE OF USAFI
The part the I&E Office plays in this vital work is making sure the soldier is aware of the USAFI. He will receive valuable information regarding subjects best suited to supplement his education. He will be supplied with an application blank which will be dispatched to the Institute with the utmost expediency. Once the soldier has received all the information he needs, he will be taken under the watchful eye of an officer. That is the role The Parachute School I&E Office is playing in this war. A lot of it is helping to produce the finest soldiers the world has ever seen. The role that will help to produce the finest civilians the world has ever seen.

387th Ord. Men Get Good Marks On Machine Guns

Some pretty neat shooting with the submachine gun was exhibited recently by members of the 387th Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company, Second Army unit under the 17th Ordnance Battalion now stationed in the Sand Hill area of Fort Benning.

Thirty-six men took their U. S. submachine guns, Cal. 30, M-3, out to fire the Record Course, "B" on the other day, and no less than eighteen of them had chalked up expert classifications opposite their name when the smoke cleared away. That's an average of about forty-four per cent, which almost anyone will admit is a rather fine figure for expert gunners.

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DOING PART EVERY WAY!
"Man to man, we proved at Cisterna that the Doughboy is a better man than the Kraut. But it was the roughest fight I ever was in, and I'll never forget it."

Pfc. Joe Gomez bought war bonds overseas he said. "I bought them because I wanted to do my part in the war in every way I could," he explained.



THE READY LINE—Student Paratroopers on the ready line in "D" Stage waiting to board a C-47 and make their first jump. (Parachute School Photo.)

Soldiers Should Make An Effort To Understand Pacific Peoples

Announcing that one of the latest War Department communications requests American soldiers to make an effort to understand the peoples of the Pacific and realize that Islanders and Orientals have their civilization just as the peoples in the Western Hemisphere have their own, Captain John W. Inzer, Jr., Chief of Headquarters, Education, Post, and Information, urges those who may be apt to "go over" to make a study of this subject.

"These people," says Captain Inzer, "are not uncivilized, they are merely different. They have their civilization and we have ours. Not only does the War Department bring out the real value of their type of civilization but so does practical reasoning. We are being reminded that possessions and use of modern inventions—like the automobile, telephone, radio, electric ice box and razor are false measures of the civilization of any people."

PRIMITIVE THINKING
He explains that the Japanese learned the tricks of our technical civilization, but their thinking re-

mained barbaric and primitive. "We must remember," says this Information and Education Chief, "that most of the peoples of the Pacific are our comrades in the present war, and will be our partners in the peace to come."

He recalled the time when, in developing trade with the Orient, the Dollar sign, a bible-reading American, had a vision of American ships which would circle the globe, "following the sun around the world" and not only establish trade but friendship with all nations, especially the Orientals.

BUILT LARGER SHIPS
Then another American, son of a missionary, Wallace Alexander, established more trade with the Orient and Australia and founded the Matson lines. In the beginning the Dollar sign, a bible-reading American, had a vision of American ships which would circle the globe, "following the sun around the world" and not only establish trade but friendship with all nations, especially the Orientals.

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Combat Vets Learn Something New In The Human Bridge

The combat veterans who had a right to think that they had seen everything in the way of war's grimness after fighting the Japs in the South Pacific, came back to The Infantry School to discover something new. Members of a "Here's Your Infantry" war bond-selling unit which will tour the nation in the 7th War Loan, they found themselves cast as the "human bridge."

In the action of the show, which will be staged by more than 1,000 combat Infantrymen in 28 units of 39 men each, Staff Sgts. Abe Goldstein of Bronx, N. Y., and Wilbur Edwards, New London, Conn., are called upon to fling themselves on a barbed wire fence which stands between their platoon and a Japanese pillbox which the Infantrymen are assaulting. Sergeant Goldstein, who was with the 24th Infantry Division at Bisk and Leyte, and Sergeant Edwards, who saw action with the 43rd Infantry Division in the Solomons, and at New Guinea and Aitape, say they never encountered such barriers to the extent that they have in "Here's Your Infantry." They have developed the little tricks of falling on it without being ripped by the wires, and this tested their ingenuity, as did the Japs in many other ways.

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